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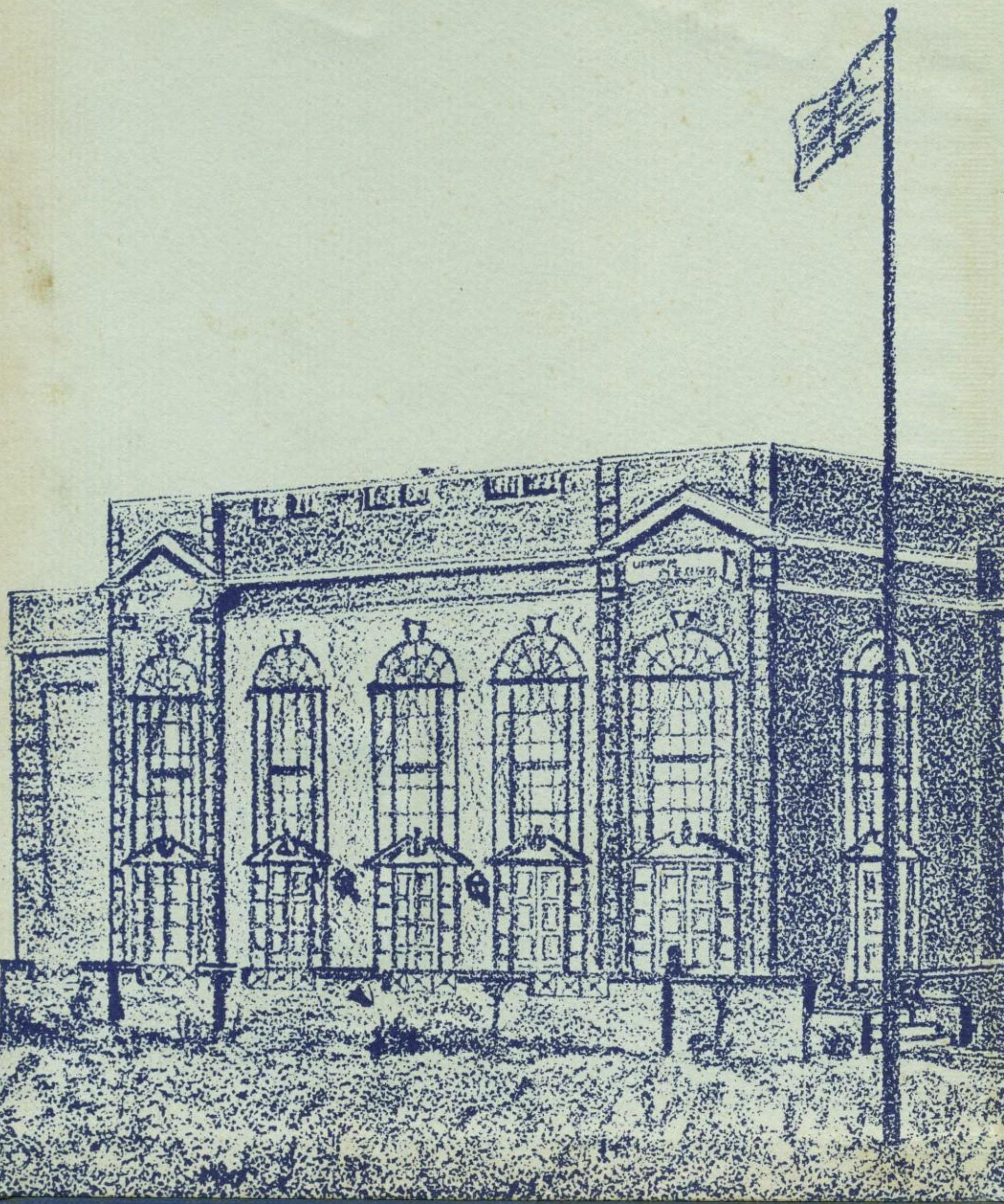

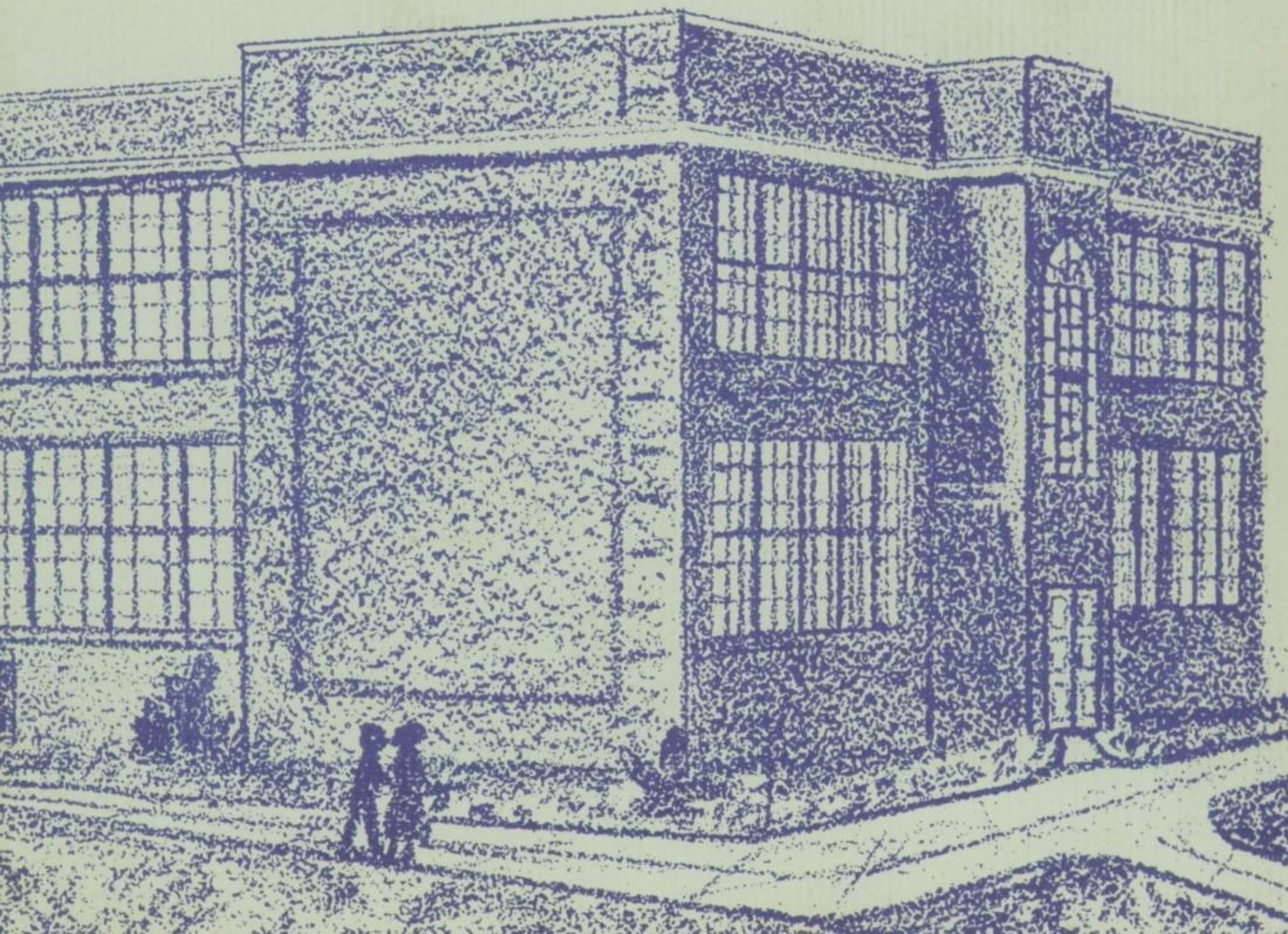

Class Poem

We take a book
And read it—
Our classwork must be done.

We see a flower
And pick it,
And take it from God's sun.

We know a tune
And sing it—
All this adds to our fun.

We find a door
And open it
To find some task undone.

We choose a road
And follow it
Until, at last, we've won.

PATRICIA ANNE SHINE.

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA

THE

1950 PIONEER

VOLUME XVII

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SENIOR CLASS OF
UPPER MERION
HIGH SCHOOL

GULPH AND HENDERSON ROADS
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Foreword

We, the seventeenth class to be graduated by Upper Merion Township High School, are proud to present, in the pages which follow, a record of our high school days.

As a class, we have had many happy days together; we shared our joys and sorrows. We hope, however, through the contents of this annual, to recall the pleasant hours which we spent in our ALMA MATER.

Dedication

One of the highest tributes which we, as a class, can pay to one of our loyal and respected teachers is to dedicate our yearbook to that person. From our early days in junior high, including our final school year, this teacher has helped and inspired us to strive toward higher goals. Whenever the road ahead looked dark, he always had a smile. If we needed help, he was ready to lend a hand.

As our class departs, we leave behind that someone who has done a great service for us in our school life at Upper Merion.

It is with great pleasure that the Senior Class of 1950 dedicates its yearbook to Mr. George J. Santoro, our sincere friend.

ADMINISTRATION . . .

We Work Together . . .

It has been said that the most important resources of our nation are the abilities and talents of our people. To discover and develop these resources is the function of the Board of Education, the school administration, the teachers and those in special services. These units work as a cooperative team.

The Upper Merion Board of Education sets up the policies and supplies the means for meeting the educational needs of the community. The Administration, with the help of the teachers, translates these policies into educational practices and then helps the teachers to set up the learning situations which will develop the abilities of the pupils. The details of paper work and record keeping are handled by the school secretary. That a sound mind may be developed in a healthy body, the health program is planned and supervised by the school nurse, the school doctor and the school dentist.

A democratic school in which pupils and teachers plan together—an accredited school—graduates successful in college —graduates successful in jobs—all these things indicate a good school team in which each unit, the Board of Education, the Administration, the teachers and the special services are working for the good of the individual pupil.

Standing—Dr. Warren H. Cocklin, Superintendent of Schools.
Seated—Frederick A. Baehr, J. Lester Rinehart, Marion D. Myers, Darwin S. Wolcott, J. Arthur Buehler, George A. Hein, Robert Strimel.

Board of Education

DARWIN S. WOLCOTT, *President*
Colonial Village

J. ARTHUR BUEHLER, *Vice President*
King Manor

MARION D. MYERS, *Secretary*
Heavnerville

J. LESTER RINEHART, *Treasurer*
Rebel Hill

FREDERICK A. BAEHR
King of Prussia

GEORGE M. HEIN
Swedeland

ROBERT S. STRIMEL
King Manor

To the Class of 1950:

The services of a school are measured largely by the quality of its products. You are the most recent graduates of Upper Merion and we take justifiable pride in you as the products of our school. We hope that what happened to you in Upper Merion as you grew from children to young men and women was pleasurable and that your experiences in school have prepared you for whatever situations you may meet in your adult life. With these hopes go our sincere wishes for full and rich lives.

Sincerely,

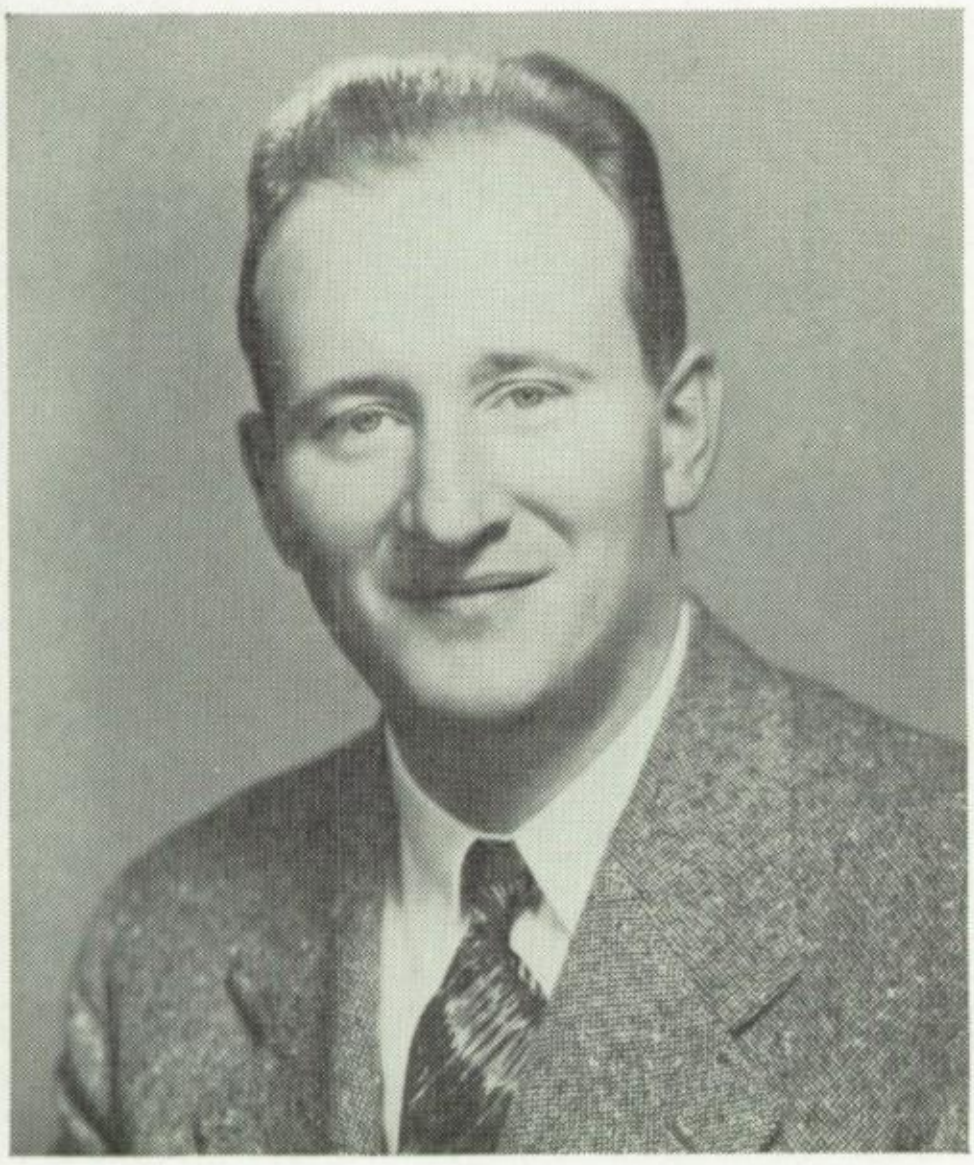
WARREN H. COCKLIN,

Superintendent

B. S., Franklin & Marshall College
M. A., University of Pennsylvania
D. Ed., University of Pennsylvania

Class of 1950:

When you were about one year old, you attempted to take your first steps. This was a serious experience and you had some difficulty. At first you leaned on chairs and tables; you faltered; you fell down; you cried. Mother or Dad picked you up and petted you, and gave you encouragement. At last you walked alone from object to object, and you were proud.



Your twelve years in school have been similar to learning to walk. You needed help and you got it. Sometimes it was sympathy or advice or even a scolding. At last you have made it.

Now you are about to take your second series of steps. Many of you will go in different directions. Just how will you walk? Will it be to the left of the road, or will it be to the right?

My wish for each one of you is that you walk straight ahead on your chosen road. Walk with your heads held high in the direction that will bring you the greatest happiness, good health, and much success.

Sincerely,

ROBERT R. STRINE,

High School Principal

B. S., Ursinus College
M. S., Bucknell University.

Faculty . . .

It is a pleasure to present, on this page, three of our teachers who have served our school faithfully and well for the past twenty years.

HERBERT L. HENSINGER — **King of Prussia**

B. S., Franklin & Marshall College.
Mathematics, Commercial Subjects, English, "Pioneer," Booster Club.

NORMAN E. RAUB — **Norristown**

B. S., Ed. M., Temple University.
Science, Athletic Director, Golf, Attendance.

MARIE M. WOLFSKILL — **Norristown**

B. A., Elmira College.
English, Senior Play, Junior Play, Commencement Orators, Declamations, 12th Grade Homeroom.

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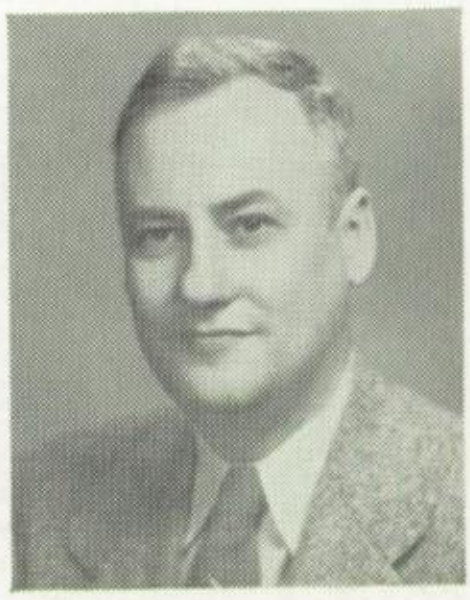
New teachers coming to Upper Merion High School are given a special welcome and introduction on this page.



JOHN C. POLLOCK — **Gulph Mills**

B. S., West Chester State Teachers College.
English, "Grapevine" Sponsor.

ALICE E. REICHELDERFER — **Norristown**

A. B., Wilson College.
Spanish, English, Assembly Committee, 8th Grade Homeroom.

FLORENCE B. STROM — **Havertown**

Ph. B., University of Chicago.
Home Making, Supervisor of Gulph Road, Port Kennedy and Swedeland School Cafeterias.

ELEANOR P. ZAWOISKI — **Drexel Hill**

B. S., Temple University.
Latin, English, Jr. High Dramatic Club, 7th Grade Boys' Dancing, 9th Grade Homeroom.

Faculty . . .

MARJORIE BIZILIA — **Norristown**

B. S., Ursinus College.
Girls' Physical Education, Health, Basketball, Girls' Varsity Club, Hockey, Cheerleading, May Day.

ROBERT S. BRACKIN — **Drexel Hill**

B. S., West Chester State Teachers College.
M. S., University of Pennsylvania.
Mathematics, Jr. High Panel, 7th Grade Homeroom.

THOMAS A. CAMPION — **King Manor**

B. S., Pennsylvania State College.
Boys' Physical Education, Health, Basketball, Boys' Varsity Club, Senior Class Social Sponsor.

AILEEN COTTINGHAM — **Philadelphia**

West Chester State Teachers College.
B. S., University of Pennsylvania.
Social Studies, 10th Grade Homeroom, Junior High School Honor Society.

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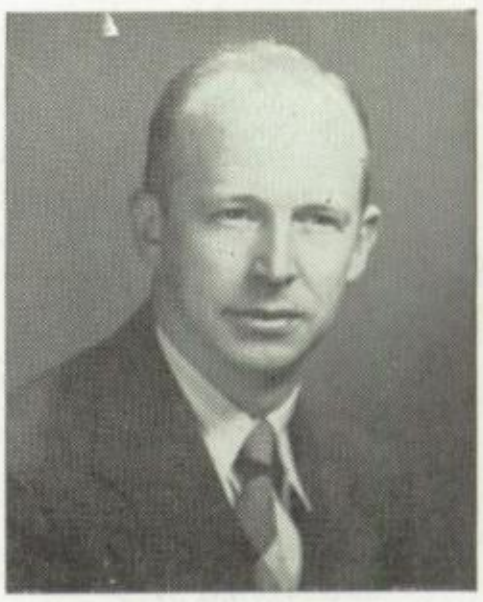
RUTH K. DEITRICH — **Norristown**

B. S., Temple University.
Vocal Music Supervisor, Senior Chorus, Glee Club, 10th Grade Homeroom.

GEORGE J. EYTH — **Ridley Park**

B. S., Temple University.
Shop, Stage Crew, Girls' Shop Club, 10th Grade Homeroom.



EARL S. FRIES — **Pottstown**

B. S., West Chester State Teachers College.
M. S., University of Pennsylvania.
Science, Mathematics, National Honor Society, 12th Grade Homeroom.

BETTY J. KALBACK — **Upper Darby**

B. S., Albright College. Home Economics.

Faculty . . .

MARCIA M. KRYSA — **Boyertown**

B. S., Kutztown State Teachers College.
Library, Library Club, Jr. and Sr.

SAMUEL H. LAUDENSLAGER — **Norristown**

B. S., Temple University.
A. B. Columbia University.
Mus. M., University of Michigan.
Instrumental Music, Band.

ORIENT MARTELLA — **Swedeland**

B. S., Pennsylvania State College.
General Science, Biology, Football, Basketball, 8th Grade Homeroom.

GRACE K. MILLER — **Spring City**

Bloomsburg State Teachers College.
B. S., Temple University.
M. A., Temple University.
Commercial Subjects, Student Association, Typing Club.

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GEORGE J. SANTORO — **King of Prussia**

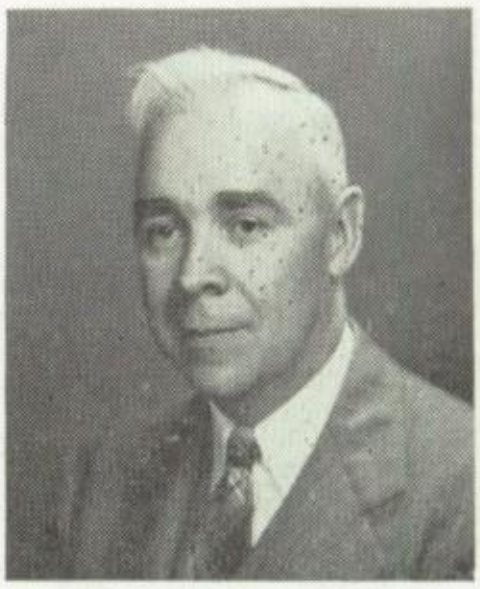
B. S., Ursinus College.
Science, Radio, 8th Grade Homeroom, Football, Baseball.

MERRILL C. YOUNG — **Bridgeport R. D. 1**

B. S., Edinboro State Teachers College.
Art Supervisor, Handicraft, 11th Grade Homeroom.

FRANK C. YUTZ — **King of Prussia**

B. S., East Stroudsburg State Teachers College.
Social Studies, Senior High Panel, 11th Grade Homeroom.



PAUL ZUCK — **Jeffersonville**

B. A., Blue Ridge College.
B. S., M. S., Temple University.
Social Studies, Science, Psychological Examiner, 9th Grade Homeroom.

Medical Staff

MARGARET E. McCLURE, R. N. — **North Wales**

Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia

School Nurse

C. HAROLD KISTLER, JR. — **Ardmore**

Pre-Medical, Colorado College
M. D., Hahneman Hospital.

School Doctor

VINCENT J. PULEO — **Norristown**

Pre-Dental, Pennsylvania State College.
D. D. S., Temple University Dental School.

School Dentist

SENIORS . . .

The Years Have Passed . . .

You were finally starting school and you just had to have a lunch kettle and school bag in order to be ready to go. Remember those knickers and the socks up to your knees, fellows? Didn't you love to pull your favorite girl's pigtails? Oh yes, girls! Every time the wind was chilly "Ma" insisted on leggings. You didn't like leggings? Well, there were always those horrid long woolen stockings as substitutes.

Every morning was inspection time. Teeth brushed? Ears clean? Dressed warmly? Now you were on your way! The teacher's job was to take off snowsuits, golashes, sweaters, etc. . . . then she would start the class.

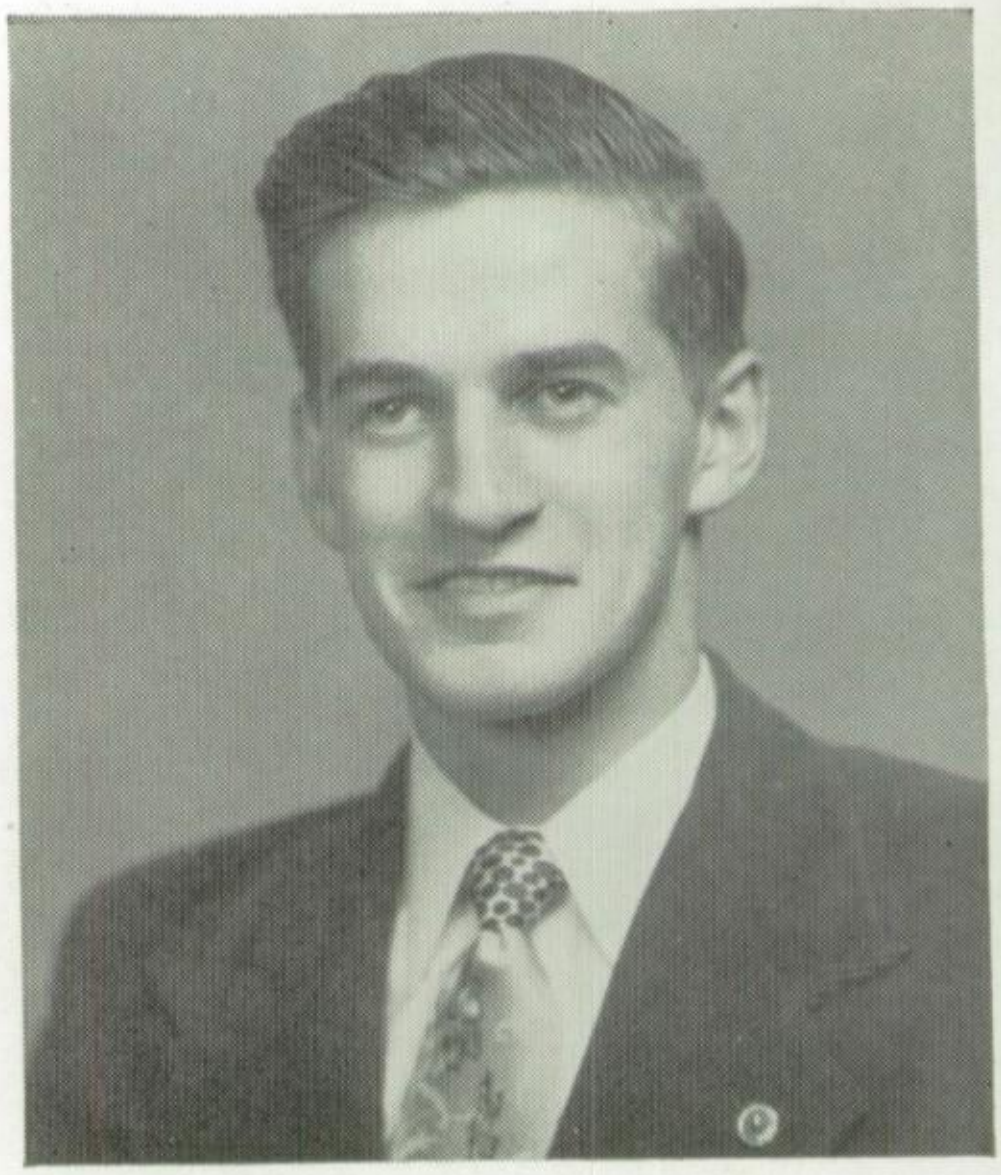
Slowly you learned everything from the A. B. C's to the construction of spitballs, and by the time you reached fourth grade you were an all-around "big shot."

Recesses were grand. It took five extra minutes to get settled after a ten minute recess, twice a day.

How many times did you throw part of your lunch away when the teacher wasn't looking? It was a good thing she never caught you.

Time went on. "Ring around the rosy" and "blind man's bluff" days were over. You had started junior high school. Teachers were all new to you; you got the low-down on every one of them directly from student voices of experience. This one was cranky, but that one was swell. Funny thing, but they usually were just the opposite. All of it depended on yourself.

In the last five years, you have become so accustomed to high school life that it is a part of you. Now this phase of life has ended and will be placed in your book of memories. Little incidents, which at one time meant so much, will be amusing to you sc ne day. The door of life is opening wide. With it come the opportunities to achieve your goal. May your great ambitions be kindled to flames which never die. The world is yours! Take into it all of the happy memories of childhood and, when you wish to reminisce, open one of the greatest of books, your own "Pioneer."



EDWARD FRANCIS COSTELLO

President, Class of 1950; Class Orator.

Band 8, 9; Booster Club 11; Class Officer 7, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Grapevine 9, 10; Junior Honor Society 9; Senior Honor Society 12; Junior Panel 7; Senior Play 12; Stage Crew 12; Student Association Officer 11, 12; Yearbook Officer 12; Junior Play 11; Projection Club 10, 11, 12; Prom Committee 11.

"Ed," our "all-around swell guy," surely did a good job of leading our class during the senior year; he made a good President. "Ed" always was ready for fun, as one could tell by his actions at parties, etc. We are sure that the future holds a lot in store for "Ed."

Officers

SUSAN JOAN BADER

Vice-President, Class of 1950; Class Orator

Band 10, 11, 12; Band Council 11; Band Officer 11; Booster Club 10, 11; Chorus 11, 12; Class Officer 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 12; Freshman Day 9; Grapevine 8, 9, 10; Junior Honor Society 9; Senior Honor Society 11, 12; May Day 11; Junior Panel 8, 9; Junior Panel Officer 9; Student Association 10; Student Reporter 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Officer 12; Junior Play 11; Prom Committee 11; American Legion Award 8.

"Sue," as everyone calls her, is one of the attractive girls in the senior class. She is one of our ambitious girls who delights in writing poetry and prose. We all wish her luck in her nursing career, for we know she will be very capable.

MARGUERITE ANNE MARKLAND

Secretary, Class of 1950

Chorus 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Fashion Show 11; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 10; Grapevine Editor 11; May Day 11; Riíle Club 10; Hockey 9, 12; Student Association Officer 12; Varsity Club 12.

"Peggy," a blue-eyed blonde from Hughes Park, has been a great asset to the school in many ways. Her secretarial ability has benefited many people, including the senior class. In her junior year, the Grapevine depended upon her excellent work as Editor. "Peggy's" varied interests have made her "tops." We're sure that you'll be successful, so Good Luck, "Peg."!

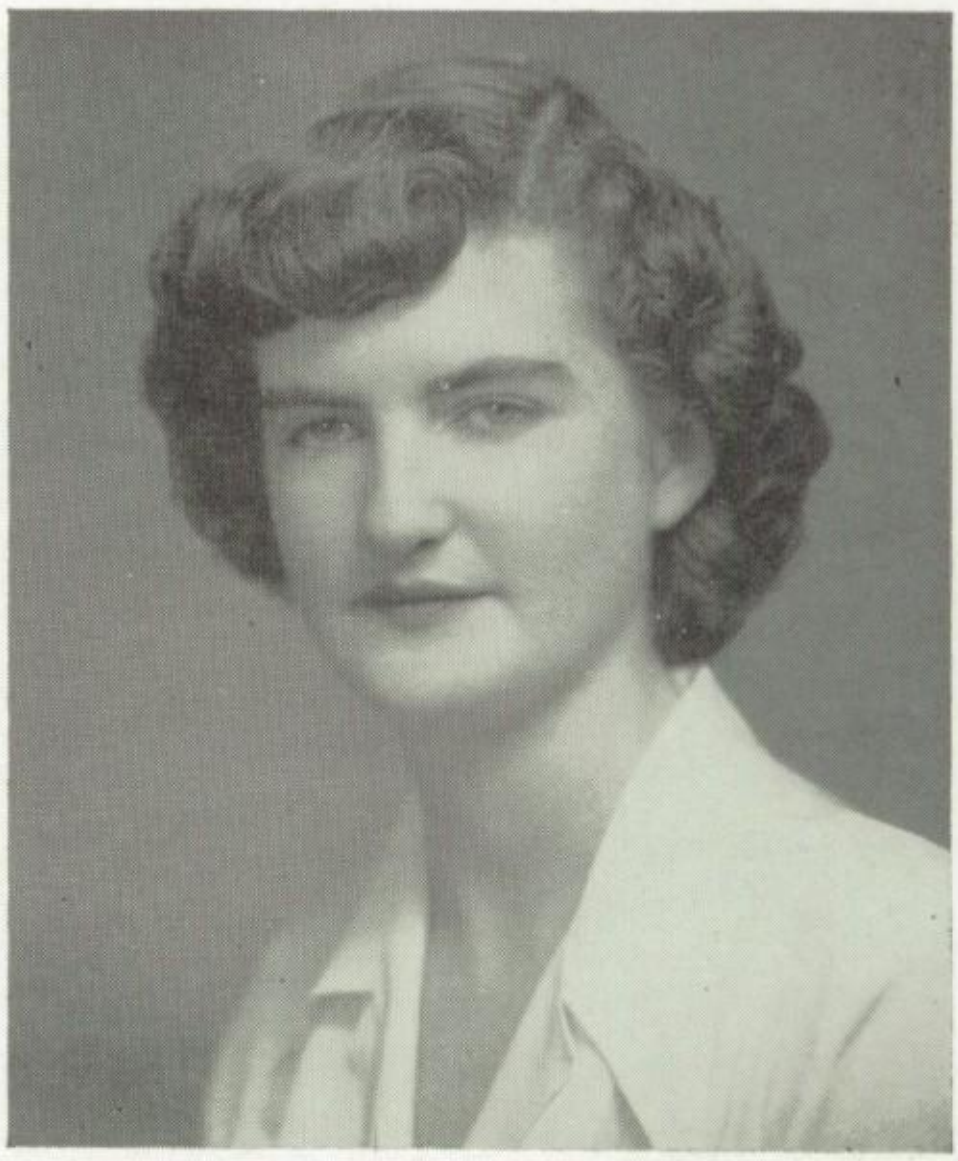
Class of 1950

CATHERINE MARY HISCOCK

Treasurer, Class of 1950; Class Valedictorian.

Booster Club 10, 11, 12; Chorus 10; Class Officer 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 12; Fashion Show 10, 11; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7 8, 9; Grapevine Officer 11; Junior Honor Society 8, 9; Senior Honor Society 11, 12; Library Club 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; May Day 11; Student Association 10; Student Day 9, 10; Yearbook 12; Salesmanship Club 8, 9; Travel Club 7, 8.

"Cathy," one of the quiet members, was always on the job doing something helpful for the class. Her dependability and willingness will carry her far in the years to come. Congratulations to Catherine for her First Honors!



SUSAN JOAN BADER

Editor-in-Chief, 1950 "Pioneer"

A lot of credit is due Susan for her fine work in preparing this annual. We, the Class of 1950, wish to thank her for her efforts on our behalf.

Pioneer Officers

DOLORES FLORENCE MOLEY

Associate Editor, 1950 "Pioneer"

Band Council 12; Band Council Officer 12 Booster Club 12; Chorus 10, 12; Declamation 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11 Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Fashion Show 11; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 10 11, 12; Grapevine Officer 11, 12; Library Club 10; Majorette 9, 10, 11, 12; Senior Honor Society 12; May Day 9, 11; Photography Club 10; Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10 11, 12; Student Association Treasurer 11, 12 Student Association Officer 11; Student Day 11; Varsity Club 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Officer 12; Prom Committee 11; Sparta Shop 9; Candy Counter 9, 10; Twirling Club 8; WNAR Reporter.

"Dolly," our "all-around gal," is one of the more versatile members of our class. She is not only a super athlete, but also an efficient worker in all classroom engagements. She also did a good job as a majorette in the band. Her glowing personality expresses itself wherever she goes. Her career as secretary should be very successful!

PATRICIA ANNE SHINE

Associate Editor, 1950 "Pioneer"

Band 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Band Council 11, 12; Booster Club 10, 11, 12; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Senior Honor Society 12; Library Club 9, 10; May Day 10, 11; Girls Varsity Club 12; WNAR Reporter 11; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Officer 12; Hockey Manager 12; Basketball Manager 12; Prom Committee 11; Travel Club 8.

"Pat" has been a great asset to the band. Whenever there was any band activity "Pat" was always there blowing her horn. We will always remember her friendly smile and helping hand which has always kept everyone around her in high spirits. "Pat" deserves a big hand for the wonderful job she did as one of the Associate Editors of this "Pioneer."

Class of 1950

LORETTA ANN ESTOCK

Business Manager, 1950 "Pioneer"

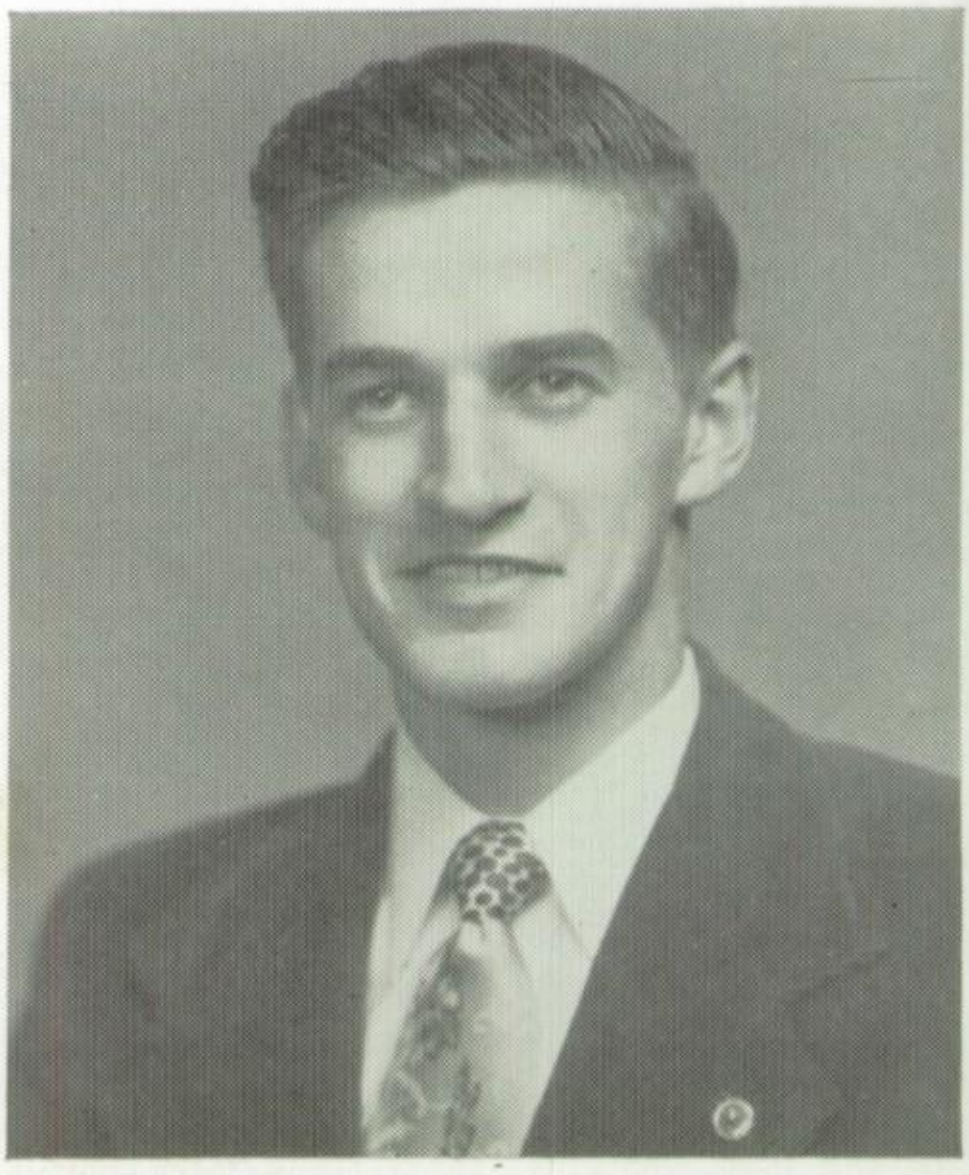
Band 11; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Junior Panel 8; Yearbook 12; Yearbook Officer 12; Prom Committee 11; Travel Club 8; Spartan Shop 9.

"Ditty" has been a true Merionite all through school. Her ability to win friends and keep them is one of her greatest assets. Corny jokes and "Ditty" go hand in hand. Best wishes for a very bright future!

EDWARD FRANCIS COSTELLO

Assistant Business Manager, 1950 "Pioneer"

"Ed's" dual interest in his class, as President and also, as Assistant Business Manager of this yearbook, proves him to be a capable, versatile leader.



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ETHEL MAE SMITH

Treasurer, 1950 "Pioneer"

Booster Club 10, 11, 12; Chorus 10; Cla
Officer 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawki
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Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 10; Grapevi
Officer 11; Junior Honor Society 9; Libra
Club 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; May Day 11; Seni
Panel 10; Student Day 10, 11; Yearbo
Officer 12; Salesmanship Club 8, 9; Trav
Club 7, 8; Hockey Manager 12; Senior Hon
Society 12.

"Mae" is one of the more quiet students our class. Her dependable nature is wh makes her success, in the future, a certain as far as we're concerned. We're sure th those whom she meets in the business wor will agree with us. We'll always rememb her for the fine job she did as the yearbo treasurer. Here's wishing you lots of succes Ethel!

Pioneer Staff

This energetic group of students has worked faithfully and well to prcduce the seventeenth edition of the Upper Merion "Pioneer."

Under the excellent leadership of Susan Bader, assisted by her capable associate editors, Dolores Moley and Patricia Shine, the work progressed very well. The staff, as a whole, worked very co-operatively. Gloria Strickland served very commendably as chief typist on this project.

The Class of 1950 is happy to introduce this new type of yearbook. Mr. Herbert L. Hensinger served as faculty sponsor.

Top Row—Jeffers, Burke, Estock.
Third Row—Kovats, Vance, Suzanne, Cyrus, Kurylo, Sabo, Durkee, Collins.
Second Row—Strickland, Hiscock, L. Estock, Whitmore, Costello, Berry, Greiner, Dayoc, Smith.
Front Row—Bader, Anderson, Thompson, Robins, Davis, Mr. Herbert L. Hensinger, Sponsor; Moley, Shine, Rossi, Toth, Milice.

SARAH ANNA ALTHOUSE

Chorus 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 10; Library Club 12; Spartan Shop 8; Travel Club 8.

Sarah is not at ease unless she is giggling and having fun. She looks for the silver lining in every phase of school life. Dancing is the favorite among her hobbies. Keep smiling, Sarah! We know that success for you lies not too far ahead.

Seniors

DOROTHY ANN ANDERSON

Cheerleader 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; Chorus 10, 11, 1
Class Officer 9, 10, 11; Sophomore Hop 10; Sad
Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club
Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grap
vine 11; Junior Honor Society 9; May D
11; Junior Panel Officer 8; Student Associati
9; WNAR Reporter 11; Yearbook 12; Pro
Committee 11.

**So you're looking for a peppy, little g
with a big smile? You bet! "Dot" has wh
it takes! Her activities have been varied a
many; we will never forget her enthusias
in class work. Keep it up, "Dot"! Succe
is just around the corner.**

IRENE ANDREYKO

Chorus 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Library Club 12; May Day 11; Prom Committee 11.

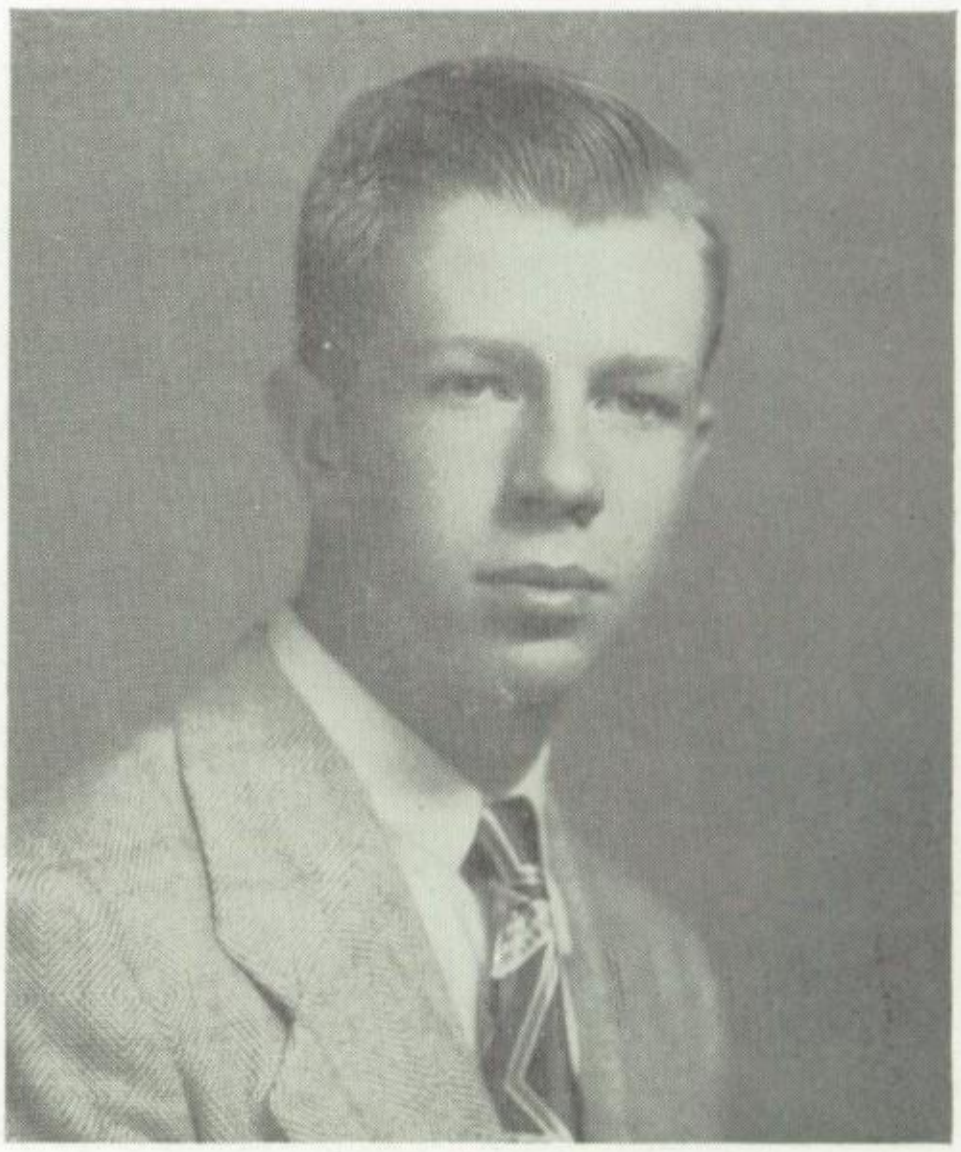
This "gal" from Swedeland is one of our quiet, well-dressed, modest girls. Her pleasing smile will make her a very successful person in whatever vocation she intends to pursue. Lots of Luck!

1950

RCHIE WILLIAM BERRY

Band 7, 8; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 11; Junior Panel 8; Senior Play 12; Basketball 11; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Handicraft Club 8, 9; Typing Club 12; Model Railroad Club 11; Prom Committee 11; Projector Club 10, 11, 12; Senior Honor Society 12.

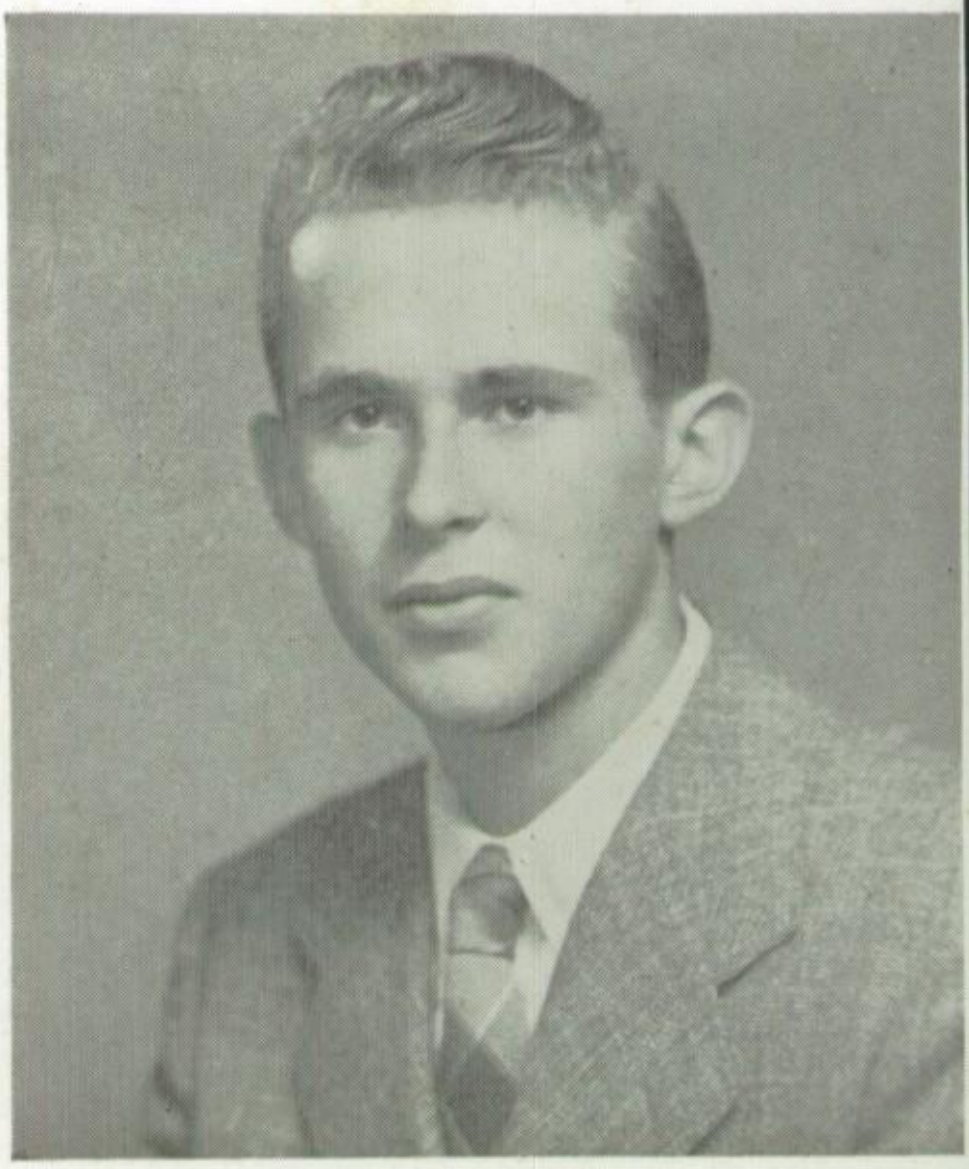
Tall, lanky, and red hair, are the words that describe "Bill," but there is more than that to him. He is a laughable, lovable guy, always willing to share and go out of his way to help his friends. We will never forget this fellow with the Buick. Lots of luck to you in the future, "Archie"!



ISAAC BURKE, JR.

Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Senior Panel 11; Stage Crew 11, 12; Student Day 10, 11; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11; Projector Club 10, 11, 12.

A friendly smile, a helping hand, and a word of wit sum up the things that will always make us remember "Ike." Of course, we'll always think of his ability in Spanish II. Never lose your sense of humor, Isaac, because, when you laugh, the world laughs with you. We wish you lots of luck in the future.



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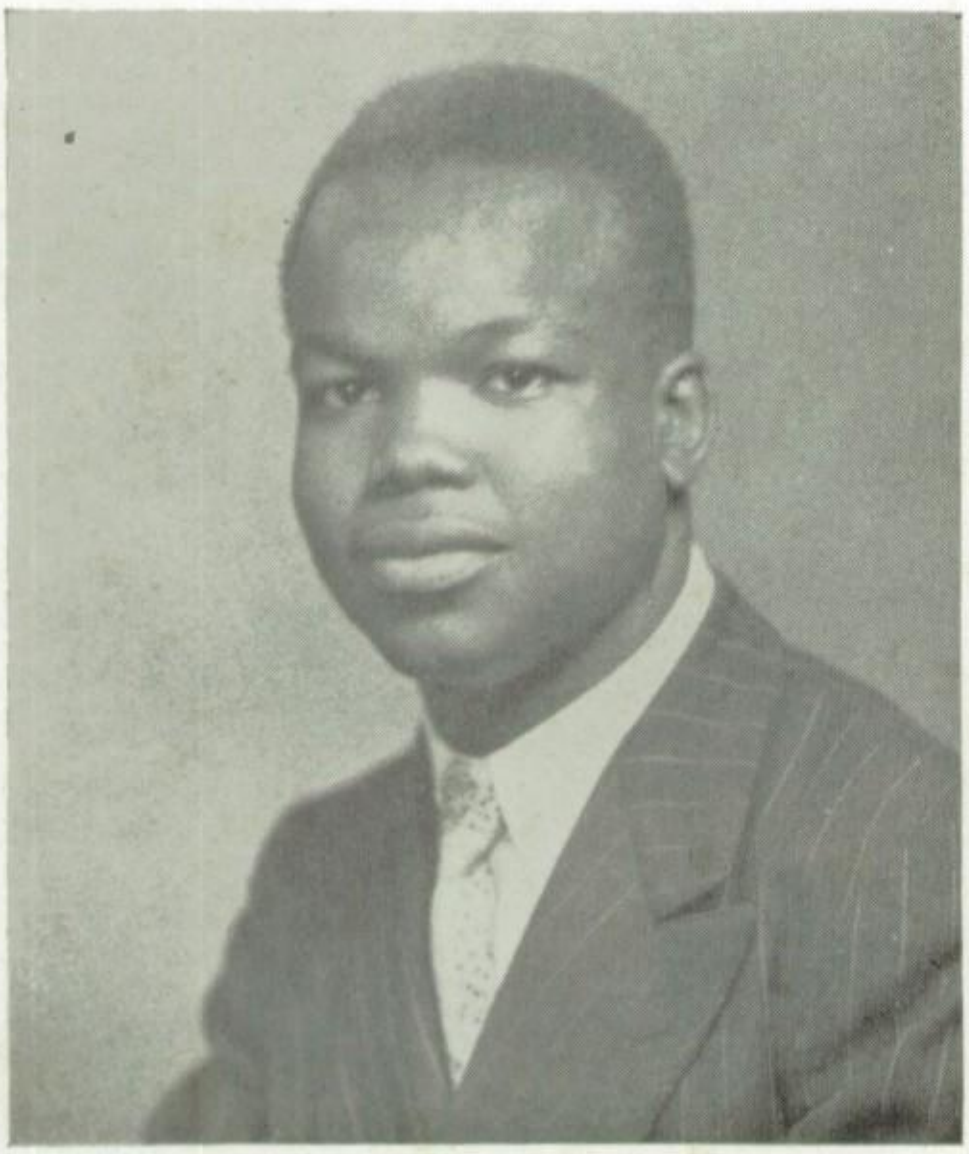

MILTON LEROY CLARK

Football 9; Art Club 8.

Milton is the one endowed with most the artistic ability in the senior class. Whe ever you see him, he is usually with Jo Larkin or working in the cafeteria. Milt also likes to read history books. Good Lu to you in your teaching career, "Milt"!

CLAUDE CARL COLLINS

Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Panel 10; Basketball 9, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 11, 12; Stage Crew 12; Varsity Club 12; Yearbook 12; Spartan Shop 8; Prom Committee 11.

Claude followed in the footsteps of his brother, "Gordy." He is one of the most outstanding athletes on our basketball squad. We will remember him for his almost impossible shots in basketball. He is well liked by the class and, to Claude, we wish lots of luck in the future.

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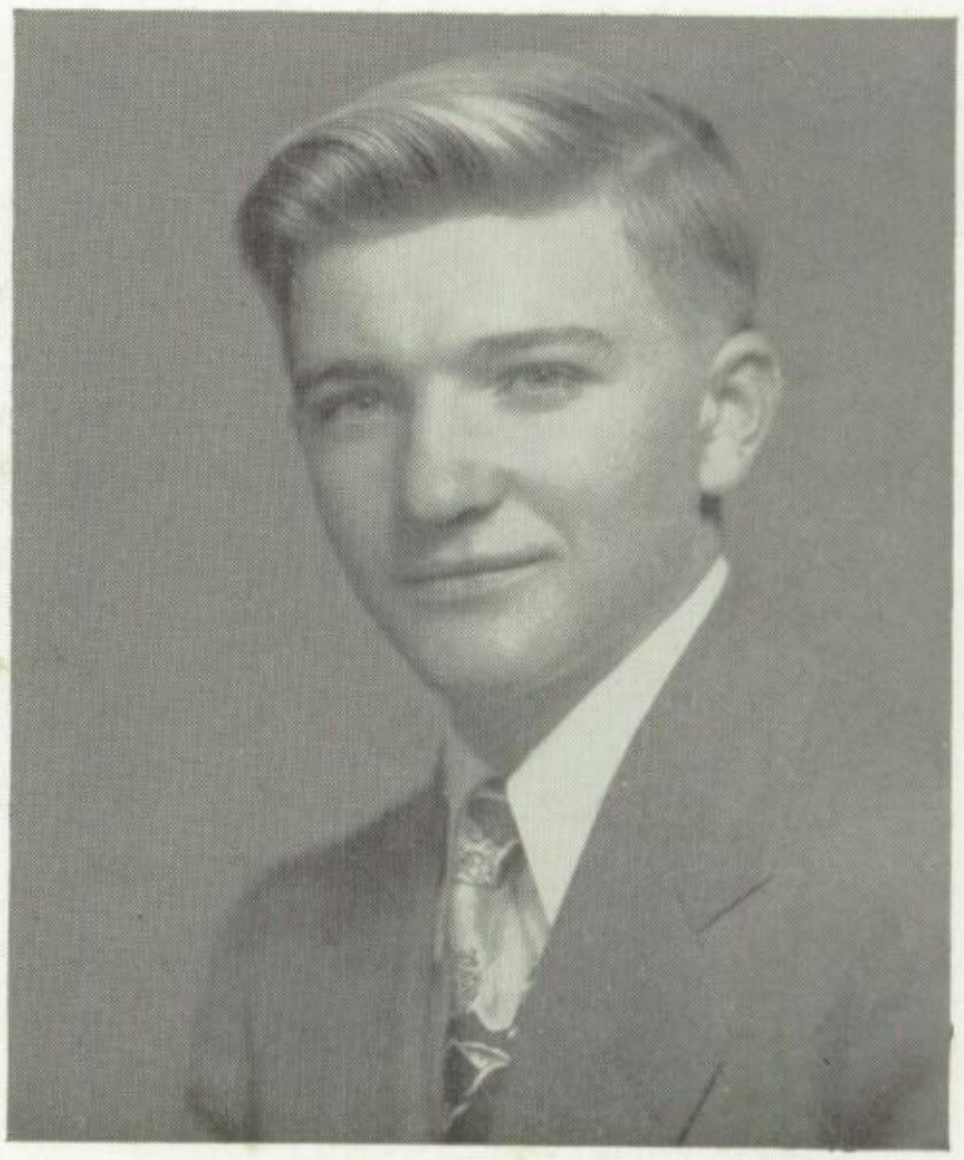
DWARD HOWARD COLLINS

Band 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 12; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Band Council 11, 12; Band Officer 11; Junior Panel Officer 9; Basketball 8, 9; Baseball 9.

"Ed" is always willing to cooperate with anyone who needs his help. He is a quiet, likeable boy with a pleasing smile. We wish him lots of luck.



MARY EMMA CYRUS

Olympic Day Queen—1950

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Declamation 12; Senior Panel 12; Senior Play 12; Student Day 11; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11.

"Rebel," our cute little "Southern Belle," came to Upper Merion in the tenth grade. She is very well liked by everyone. We can't forget her rendition of "Wedding Bells" in the senior play. We know she will be a success in the years to come.

Seniors

DORIS MARGARET DAVIS

Class Orator

Cheerleader 8, 9, 10, 11; Chorus 10, 11, 1
Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Ha
lowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 1
Fashion Show 11; Freshman Day 9; Gle
Club 7, 8, 9; May Day 8, 11; Senior Pan
12; Hockey Manager 11; WNAR Reporter 1
Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11; Junior Pla
11; Spartan Shop 7, 8.

**Doris is the "shorty" of the senior clas
We will never forget her declamation and h
ability to help the class in all its unde
takings. She also did a fine job with th
leading part in the junior play. We kno
Doris will succeed in anything she ma
undertake after she leaves Upper Merion.**

ROSE GRACE DAYOC

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; May Day 8, 10, 11; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11.

"Rosie," as she is known to all her friends, is one of the pretty dark-eyed girls of the senior class. Her cheerful smile will be remembered by all who know her. "Rosie's" ambition is to be a nurse; we are sure her twinkling eyes and pleasant smiles will help cheer her patients. Good luck, "Rosie"!

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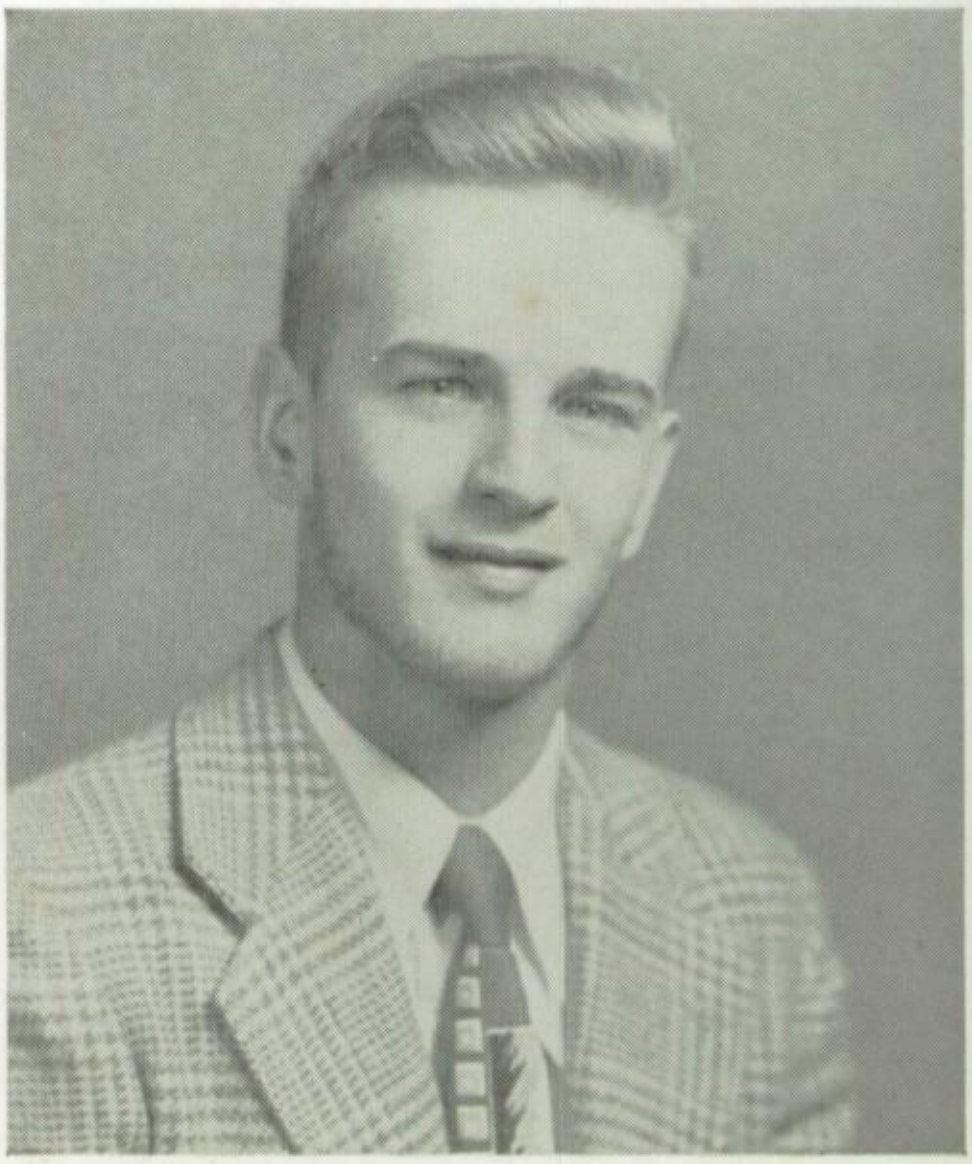
ORIS DAPHENE DILKS

Booster Club 12; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; May Day 11; Senior Play 12; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11.

If you want a witty, energetic girl, we have her. That's right, we're referring to "Daphie." She was a riot in the senior play as the actress who played havoc with the cowboy's heart. Doris is looking forward to having a home of her own. We know she'll be successful because she is a "real pal" to everyone.

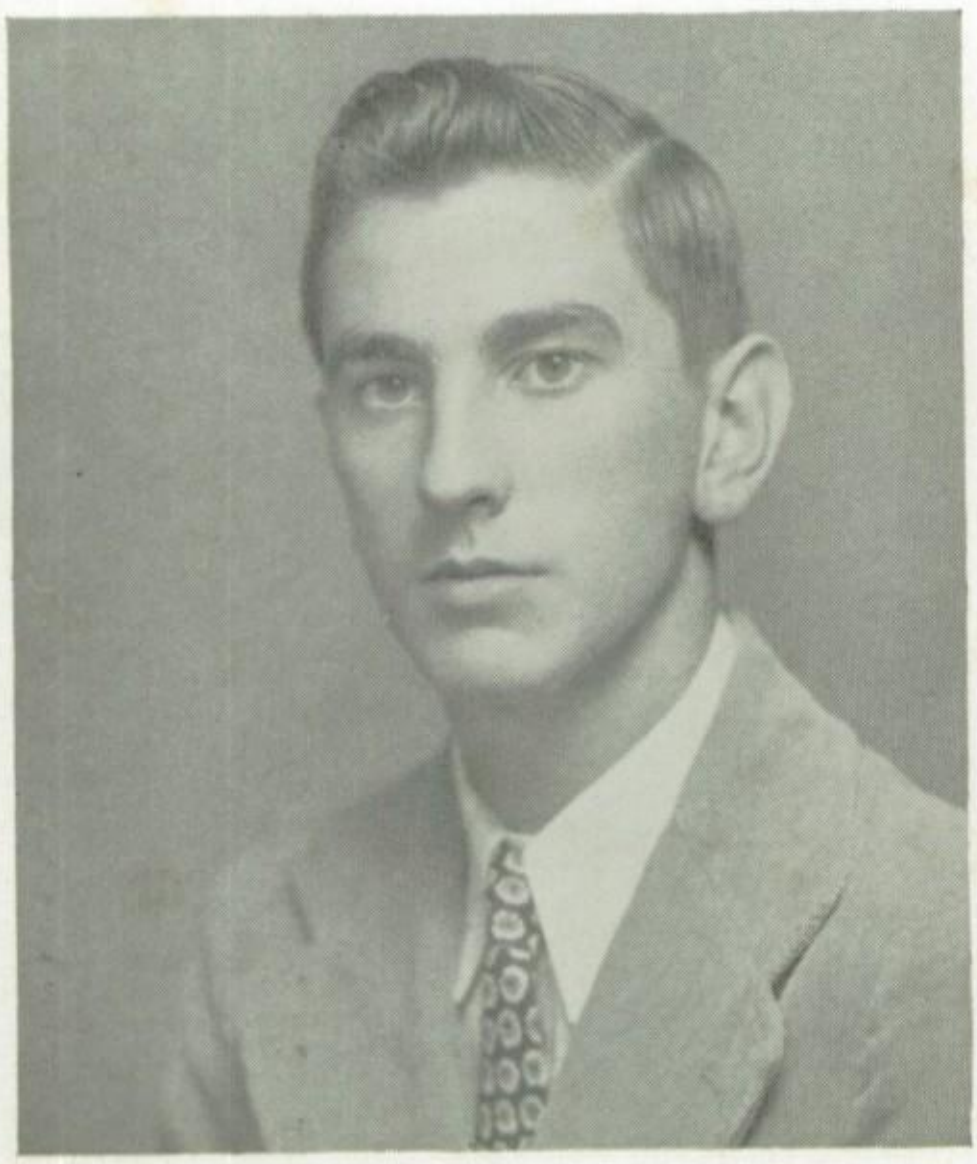


ALTON PAUL DURKEE

Golf Club 12; Senior Play 12; Baseball 12; Yearbook 12.

"Al" was the bearded man of our class. He was always trying to see how long a beard he could raise. "Al" worried about nothing and took everything in its course. Whenever any senior gets feeling blue all he has to do is think of "Al's" witty, humorous manner and the blues will pass. We are sure the new friends "Al" makes after school will feel the same way. Good luck, "Al"!

Seniors



JOHN JOSEPH ESTOCK

Chorus 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadi
Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8
Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Senio
Panel 10; Basketball 8, 9, 11; Baseball 8, 9
12; Student Day 9, 10, 11; Yearbook 12; Prom
Committee 11.

Whenever you hear a lot of noise or some one singing the latest songs, you will find to be "Jack." His favorite "hang-out" is Ed. Mack's where he gets rid of his exces nickels. But "Jack" has his serious side which helps him to be the well-rounded fellow with whom we all find enjoyment. Lots luck to you in the future, "Jack"!

MINA FARRELL

Booster Club 11, 12; Chorus 10, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Declamation 12; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 9, 10; Library Club 10, 11, 12; May Day 10, 11; Senior Play 12; Hockey 10; Basketball 10; Prom Committee 11; Travel Club 7; Spartan Shop 8.

Remember "M'liss" of the senior play? We will never forget Mina's portrayal of that role. Although she is friendly toward all, she is usually found with "Mae" and "Cathy." Mina's lively chatter and winning ways make her an asset to any group. To you, Mina, goes our wish for success in whatever you undertake.

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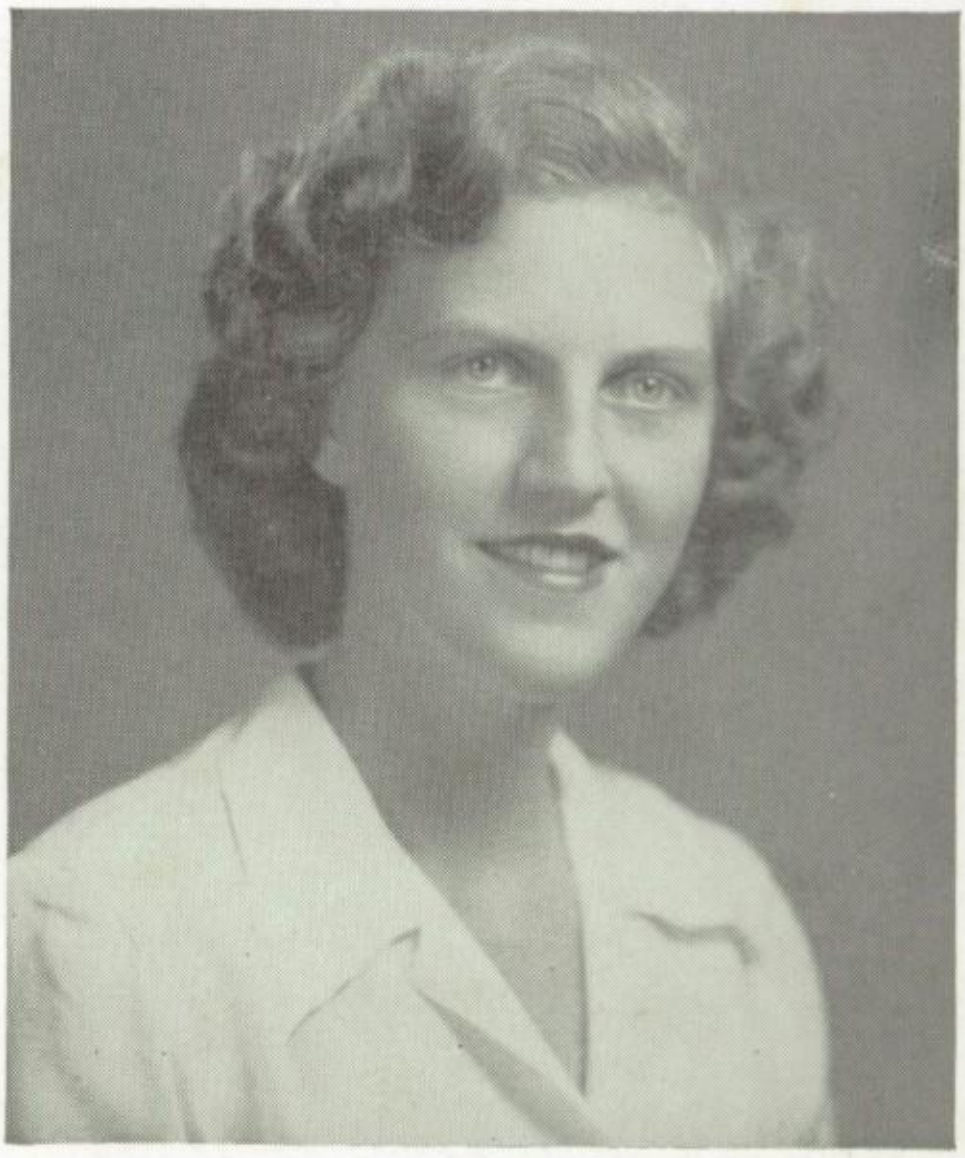
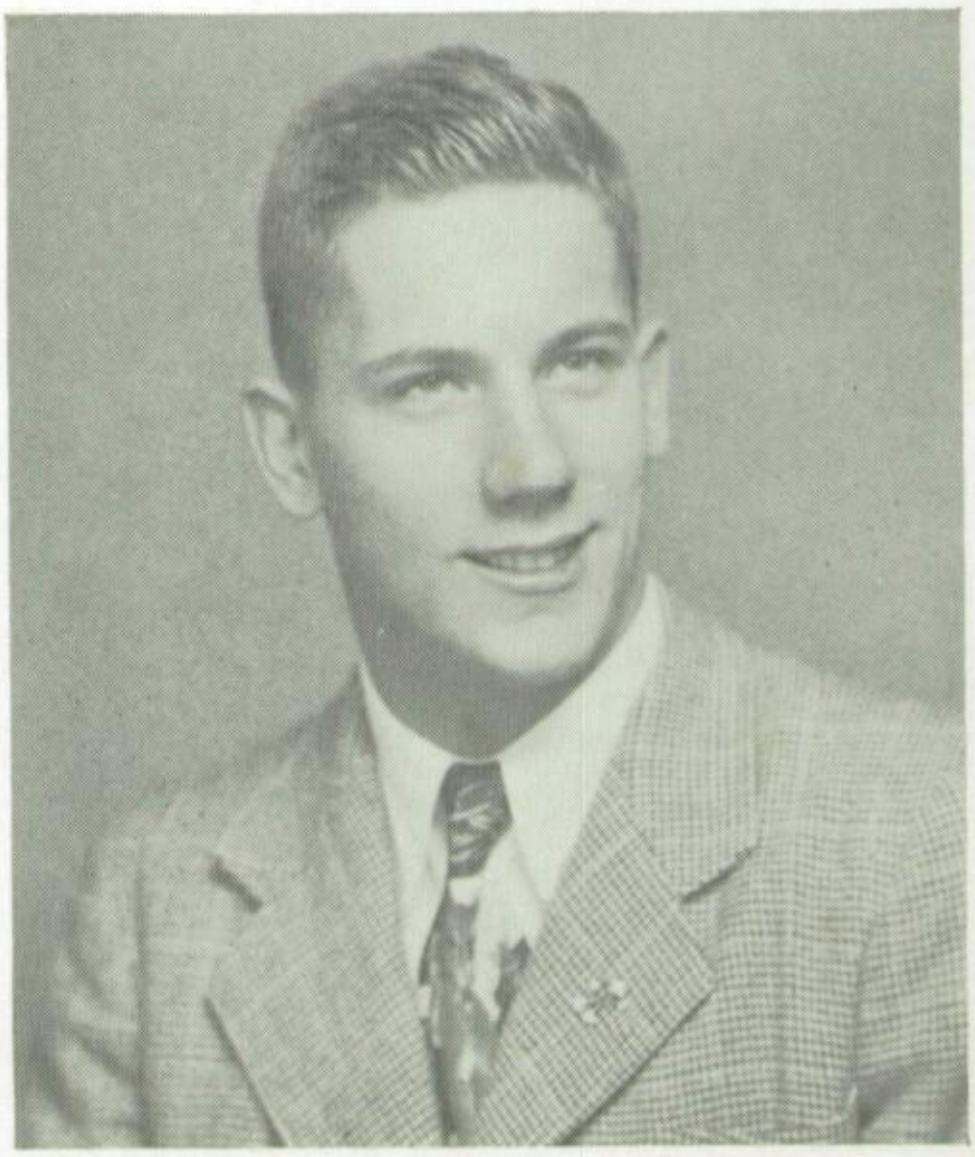
JOAN ELAINE FULTON

Booster Club 12; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; May Day 11; Senior Panel 11; Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11.

Joan is one of the few girls in the senior class who was interested in sports. She played halfback on the hockey team and guard on the basketball team. We will always remember Joan for her athletic ability. She has always been willing to help the class in anything it has undertaken. Best of luck, Joan!



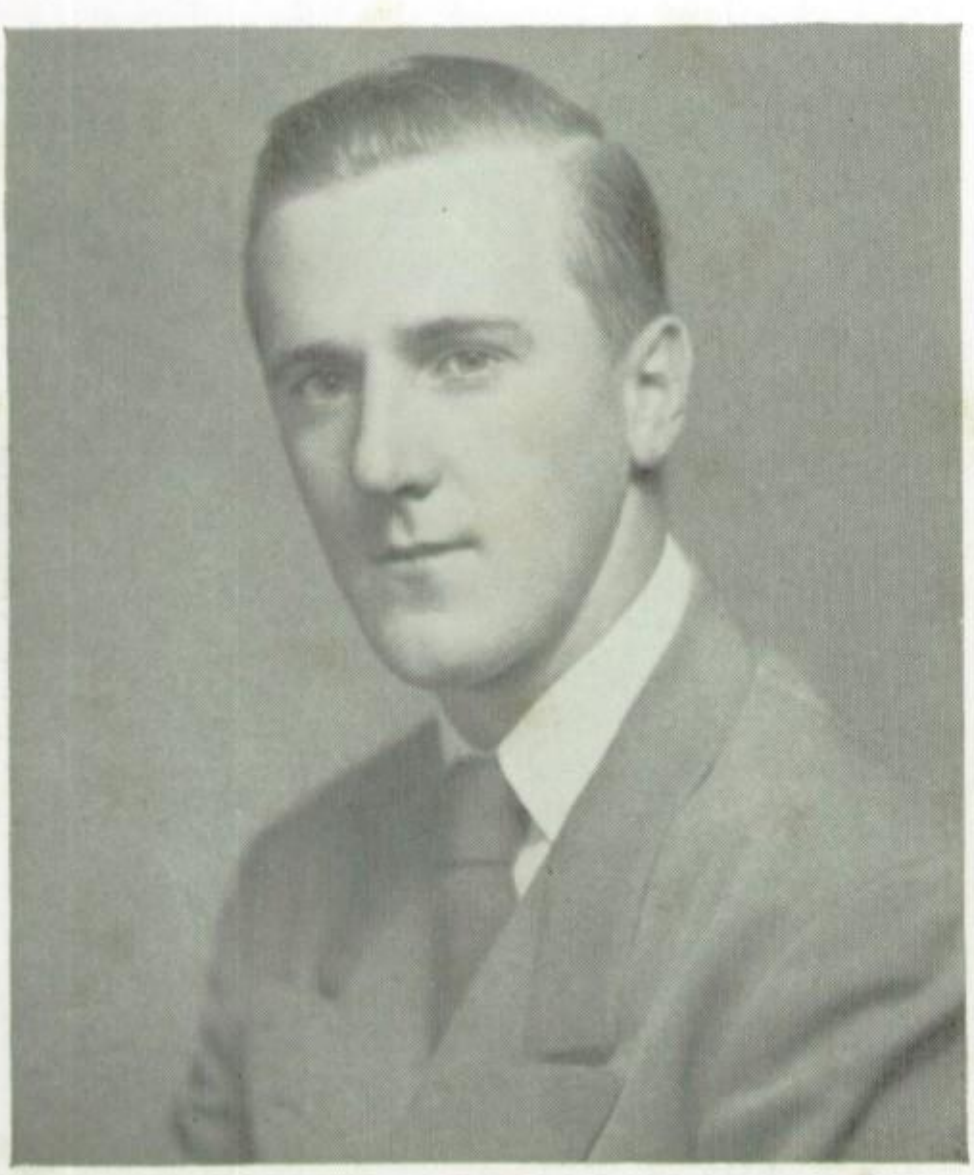


WALTER GAVIT GREINER

Sophomore Hop, 10; Hallowe'en 12; Rifle Club 9; Senior Play 12; Football 11; Baseball 12; Yearbook 12; Railroad Club 11; Projection Club 10, 11, 12; Assembly Committee 12.

"Walt" is a whiz at spelling! That is why he always carries a small dictionary. He never tires of laughing and joking. A winning personality is "Walt's" greatest asset. We are sure that he will always make many friends, wherever he goes.

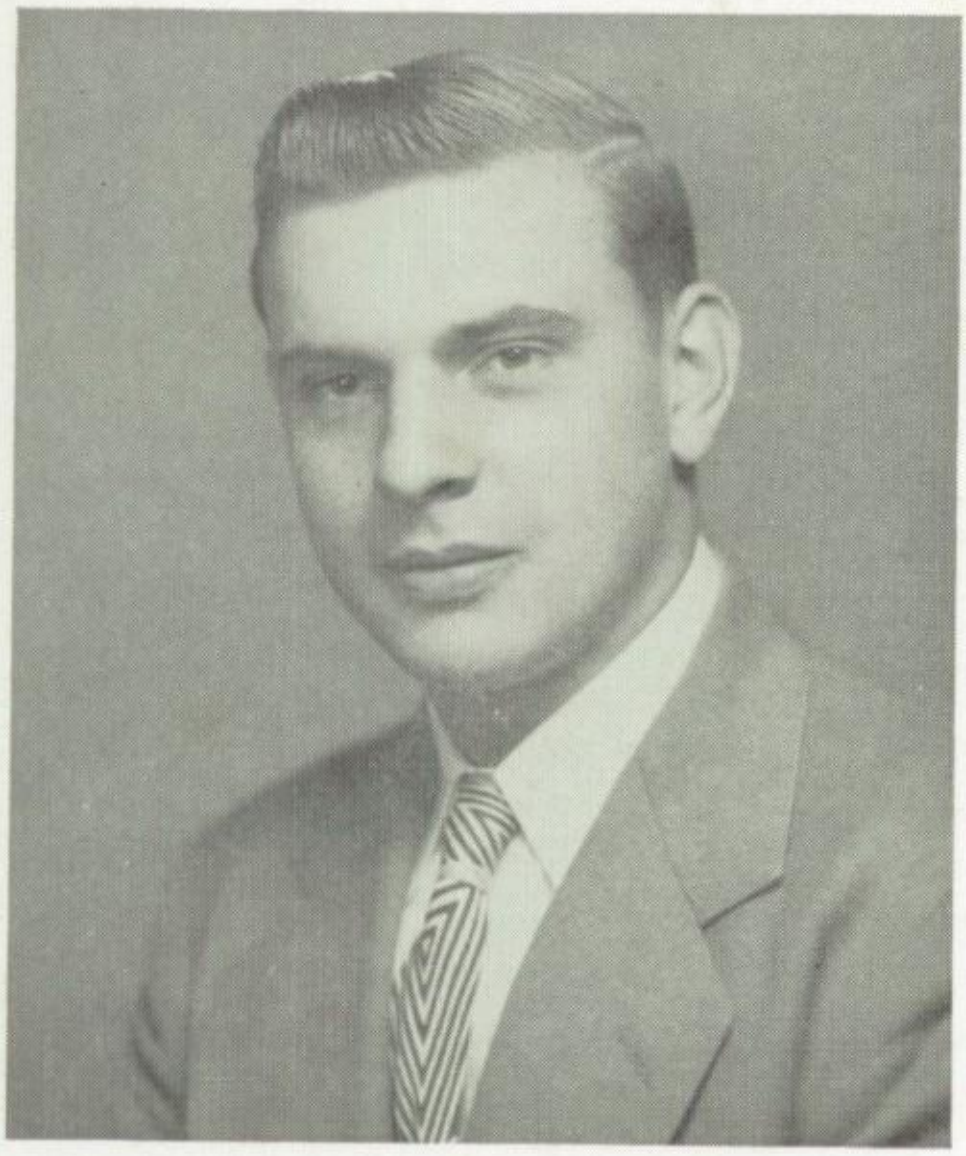
Seniors



LEO WILLIAM HENNING

Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hal lowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Da 9; May Day 10, 11, 12; Rifle Club 10; Footbal 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; Varsity Club 11, 12; Pron Committee 11; Travel Club 8.

"Hi! Hello there!" Where does that friendl voice come from? Could it be Leo Henning "Smitty," as he is called by his classmates is an active member of the senior class. H will be well-remembered for his ability t play football. His genial smile and willin attitude will help him to go far in life.



JOSEPH HRUSOVSKY

Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Golf Club 9; Stage Crew 12.

Although "Joe" looks very quiet and innocent, if you ask his close "pals" they will tell you differently. "Joe" blushes very easily and his classmates often took advantage of this fact. His sincerity will help him in the coming years.

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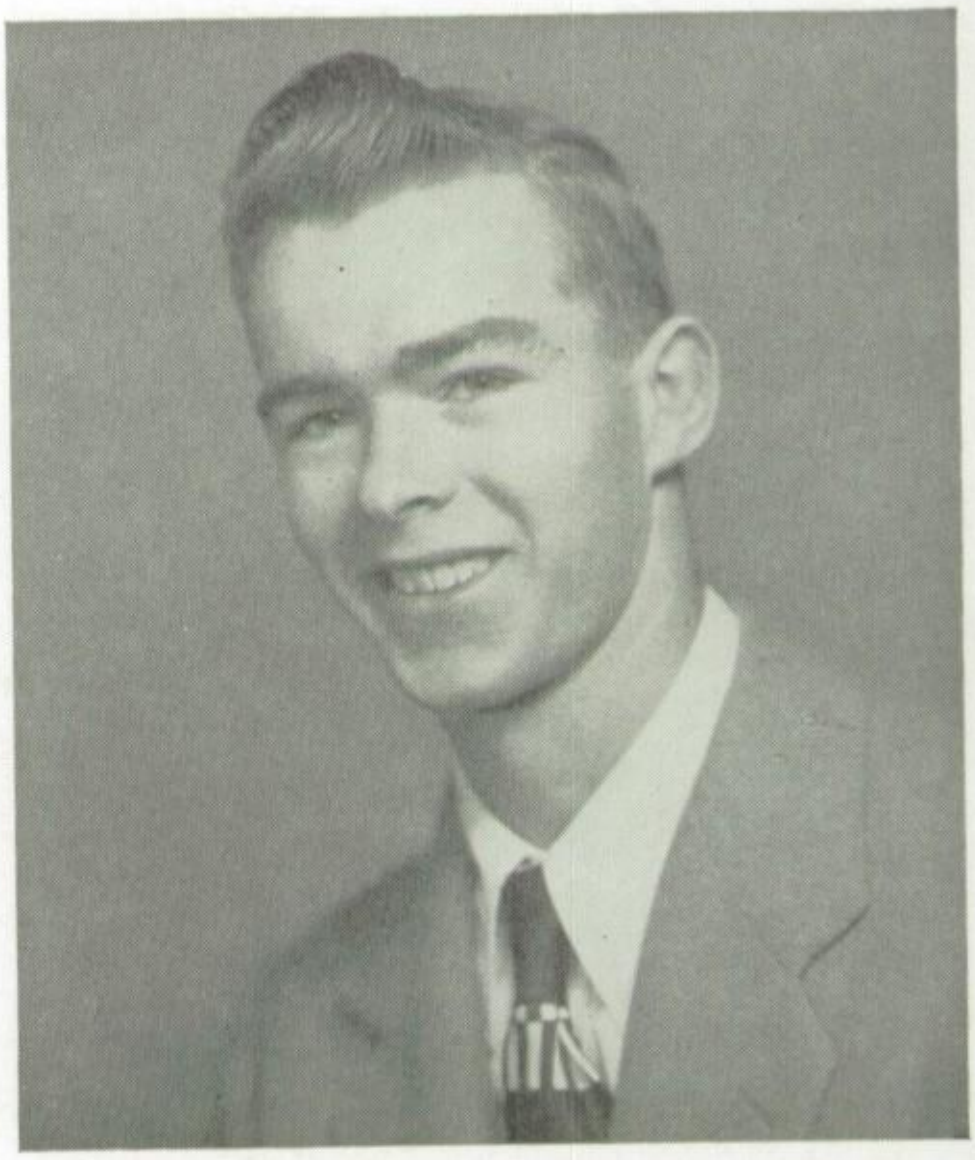
ANNA WANDA SOPHIE JAKIELASZEK

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Library Club 11, 12; Hockey 9.

"Jaki," a short and sweet name, is a quiet type of girl. She is seen mostly in the library where she helped everyone in Upper Merion in finding reference books. We know that she will find happiness wherever she may go. Good luck, "Jaki"!

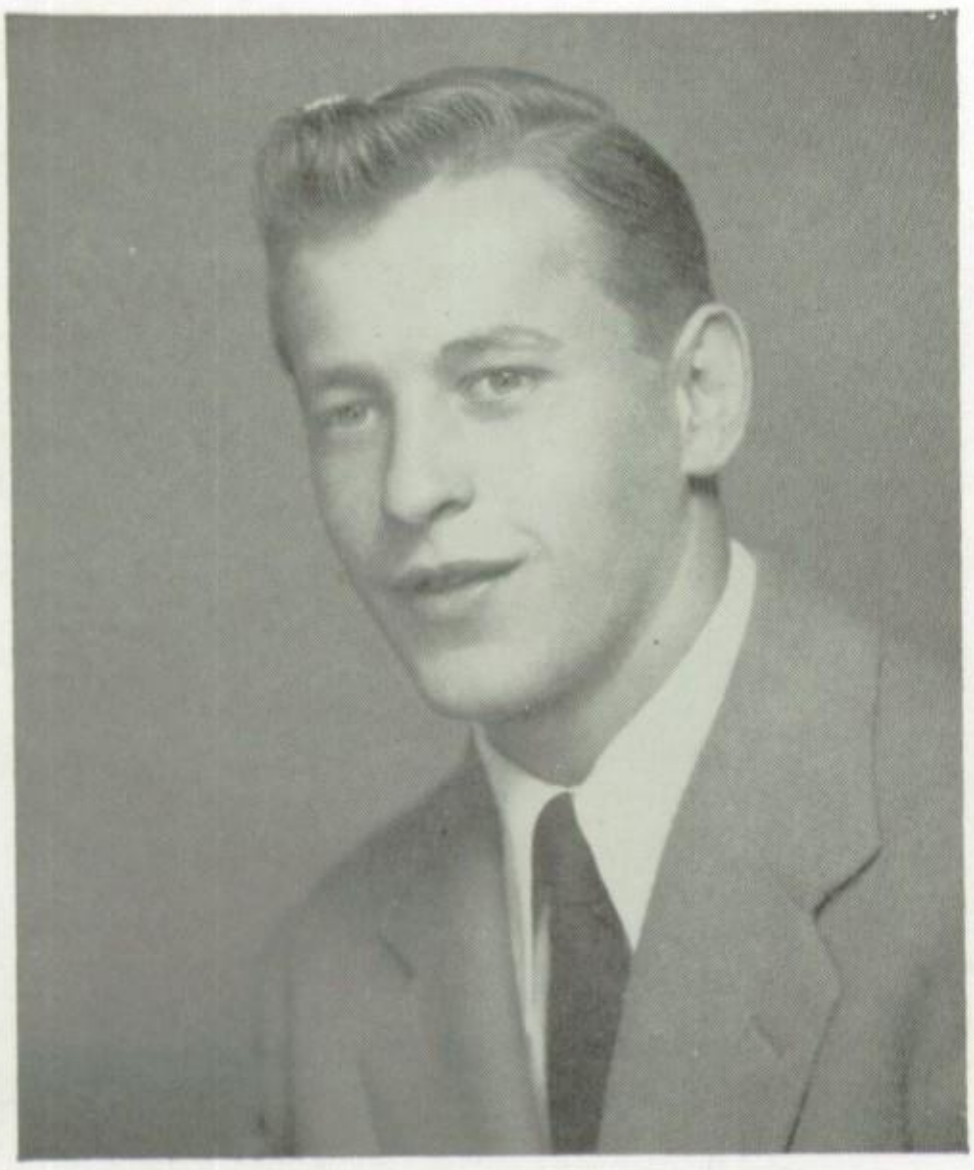


MARTIN JAMES JEFFERS

Chorus 12; Football 12; Basketball 11; Baseball 11, 12; Yearbook 12.

Martin has an unusual sense of humor which got him into many scrapes. If Martin really decides to put his mind to a task, he can do it well. We sincerely hope that he will take this attitude towards life and make a real go of it.

Seniors



JOHN JOSEPH KATRINA

Band 9; Chorus 9, 10; Sophomore Hop 1
Sadie Hawkins 11; Dancing Club 8; Fres
man Day 9; Golf Club 9, 10, 11, 12; May Da
10, 11; Rifle Club 9, 10; Football 9, 10, 1
Basketball 9, 10, 11; Baseball 12; Stage Cre
9, 10, 11, 12.

A practical joker, John is loads of fun an a true friend. He delights in teasing th senior girls. "Wibbles" is the spark of th golf team. We know that the teachers an students will long remember "Wibbles" f his pranks.

ANTOINETTE MARIE KOVATS

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Declamation 12; May Day 11; Student Association 11; Yearbook 12; Assembly Committee 12.

"Ann" is a charming miss. She has been a very capable student through her three years at Upper Merion. Her dependability and pleasing personality have won her many friends. We, the "Class of '50," wish her lots of success in the future!

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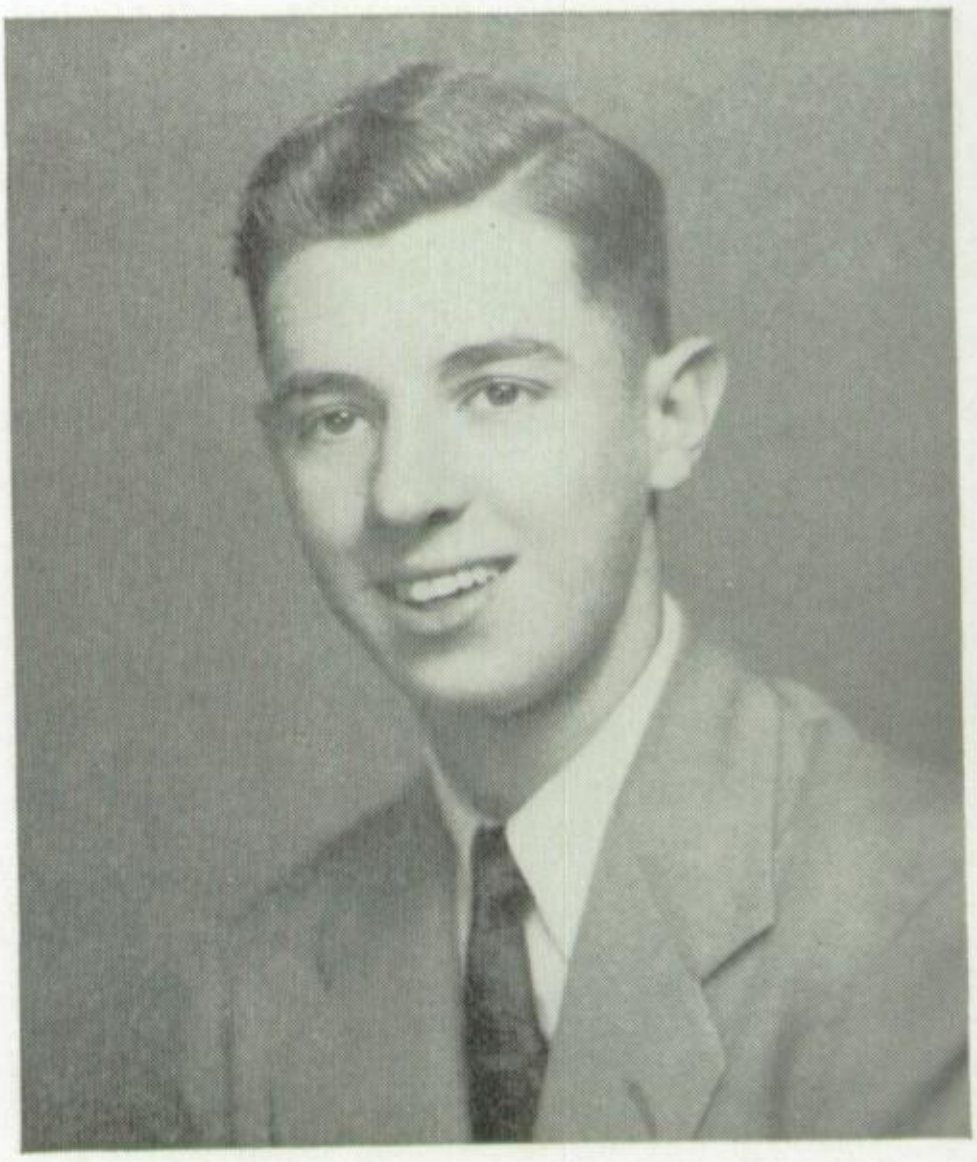
ELEANORE HELEN KURYLO

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; May Day 11; Student Day 9; Yearbook 12.

Eleanore, the blonde of the senior class, is one of the "happy-go-lucky" girls. With her pretty blue eyes and sweet smile, she has won many friends through her years at Upper Merion. Eleanore's favorite hobby is driving. Her future will be devoted to work in an office. We wish her much luck in her future undertakings.

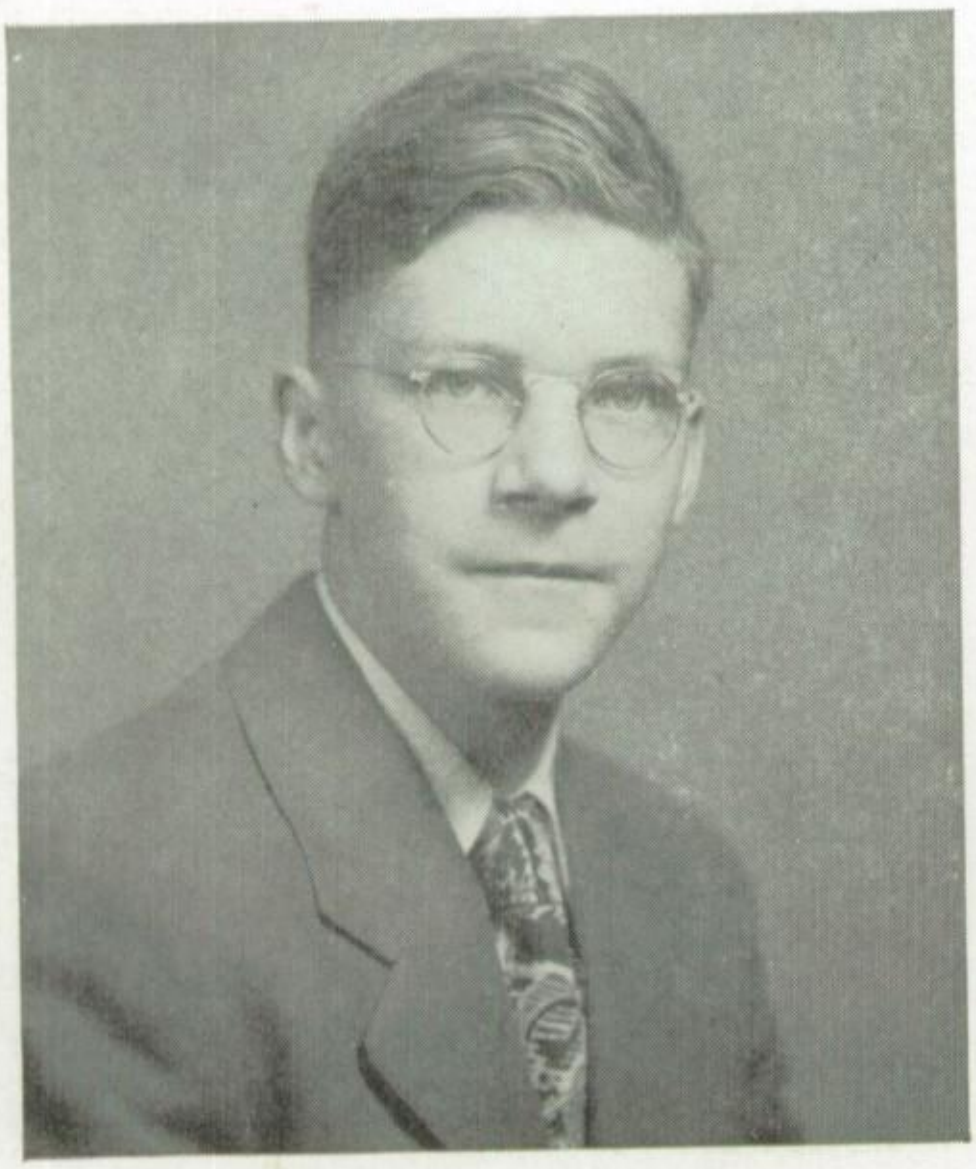


JOHN WARREN LARKIN

Chorus 12; Stage Crew 12.

"Johnny" is usually seen with "Eddie" and George, or else he is busily at work in the cafeteria. He has a pleasant manner and is well-liked by all who know him. We will never forget John's witty remarks, nor his lovely singing in assembly and chorus programs. As you leave Upper Merion, John, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Seniors



IRVIN SHELDON LOWNES

Dance Committee 9; Sophomore Hop 10; Ho lowe'en 12; Senior Play 12; Projection Clu 10, 11, 12; Prom Committee 11; Model Railroa Club 11, 12; Junior Play 11.

"Irv," one of the smartest boys in the seni class, hopes to become an electrical enginee His plans are to enter Drexel in the Fall. Irv has many hobbies including building mod railroads and studying English. Irvin will t his best to succeed and, with a few go breaks, he will surely reach the top.

LEOCADIA CONSTANCE MACIEJEWSKI

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9.

"Lee," as she is known to her friends, is among the quiet members of the senior class. She will long be remembered for being so serious with her class work. As a class, we are sorry that "Lee's" illness has interrupted her high school plans. Here's to a speedy recovery, "Lee"!

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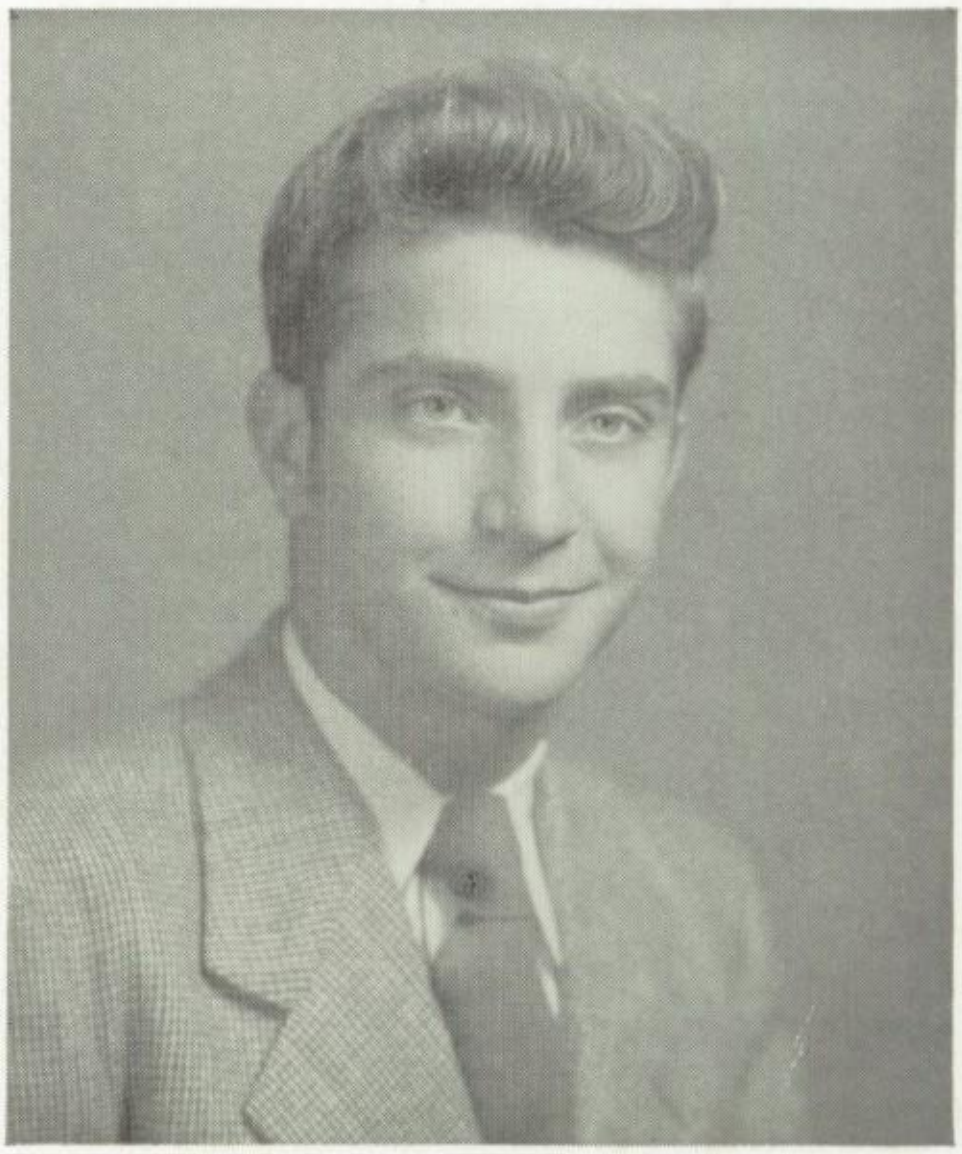
DANIEL PHILIP MAINIERI

Band 10, 11, 12; Band Council 12; Band Officer 12; Class Officer 10; Dance Committee 9; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 12; Freshman Day 9; Grapevine 11; Junior Panel Officer 9; Football 9; Basketball 11; Student Association Officer 11, 12; Student Day 9, 10, 11; Projection Club 10, 11, 12; Prom Committee 11; Junior Play 11.

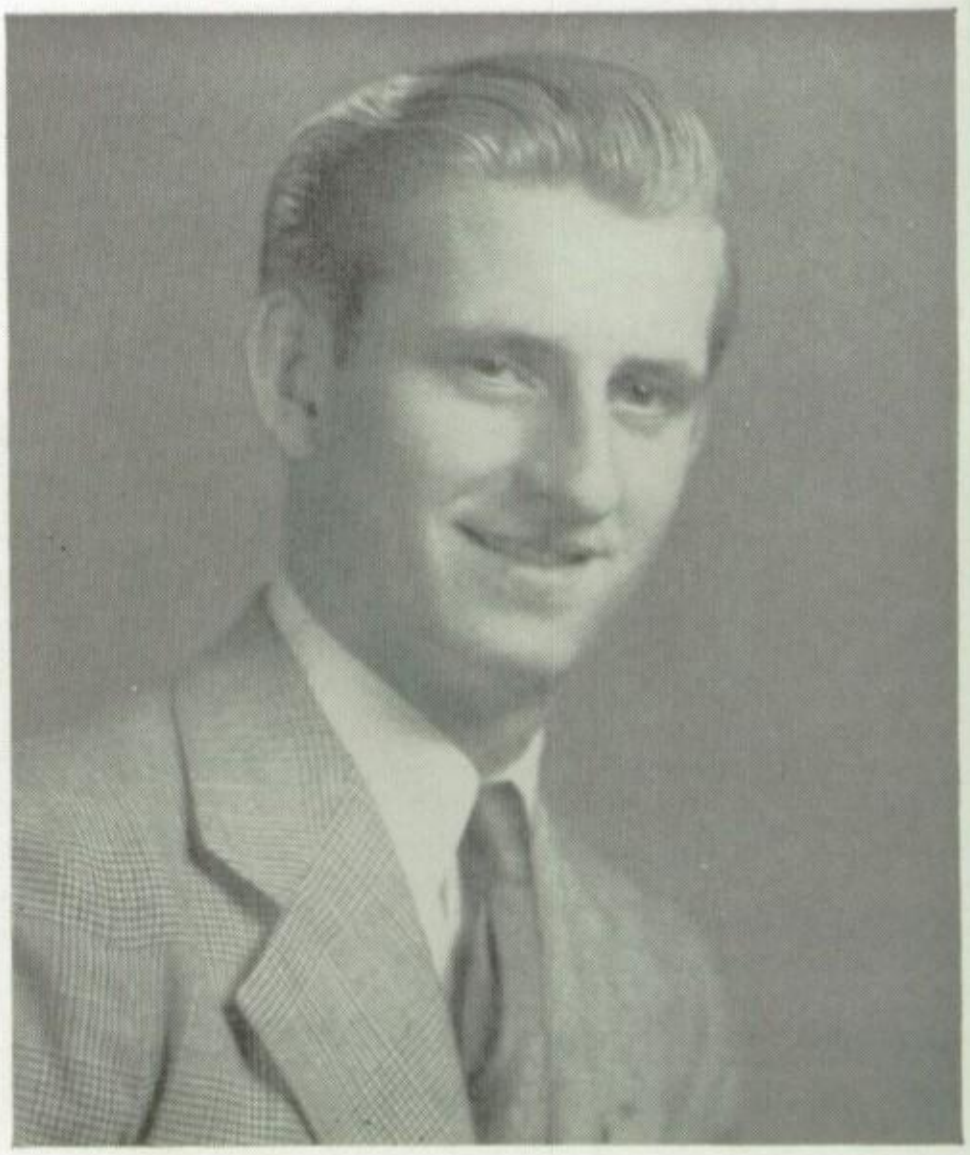
"Dan" is one of the boys in the class who has natural leadership. He proved it this year by being President of the Student Association. "Dan" is also a fine asset to the band with his trumpet playing. With this talent we're sure "Dan" will have a successful venture in his future work.



GEORGE JOHN MATZIK

Class Officer 10; Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Declamation 12; Freshman Day 9, Golf Club 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Stage Crew 12; Student Day 10; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12.

George was known as a "powerhouse" on the football team this year. He has always enjoyed pulling pranks on his classmates, and has brightened many a dull moment with his mischievous ways. Among his best friends is a certain senior "lassie" whom we see him with quite frequently. As George leaves, we, his classmates, wish him the Best of Luck.

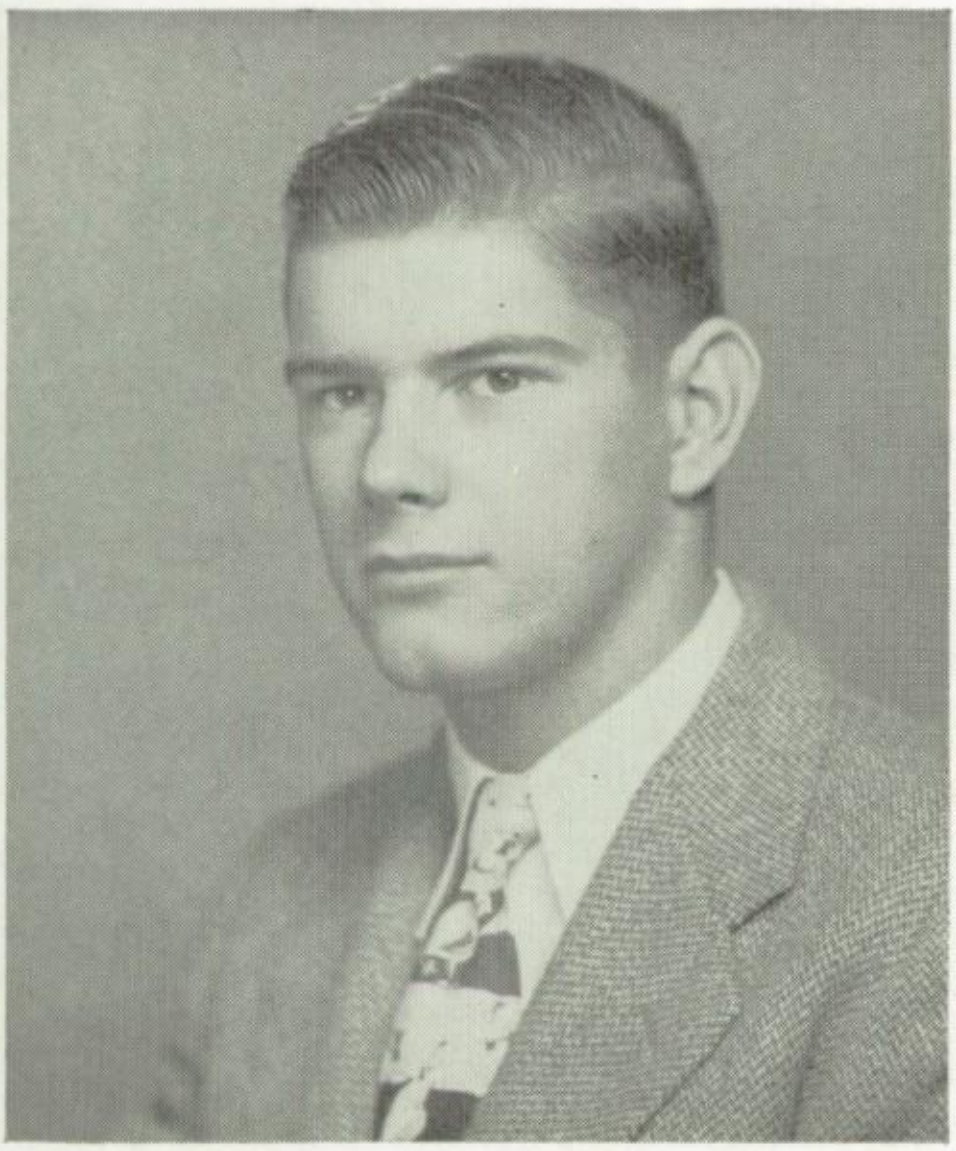


Seniors

THERESA ELAINE MILICE

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sad Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Majoret in Band 9, 10; May Day 9; Student Day Yearbook 12; Spartan Shop 9; Band Offic 10; Twirling Club 8.

"Tessie" is the girl with the dancing fe she would dance all night if possible. S did a very fine job of leading our band for year. Her helping hand and friendly smi will carry her far along in the future.



RICHARD HIRES MILLER

Chefs' Club 10; Chorus 10; Class Officer 7; Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; May Day 10, 11; Rifle Club 10; Stage Crew 10, 11, 12; Student Day 10; Travel Club 9.

Although quiet in a large crowd, "Dick" is a very good conversationalist in a small group. "Dick" is very easy to get along with. He has proven this by all of the teasing he has taken about his truck. This easy going manner is one asset "Dick" will carry with him the rest of his life.

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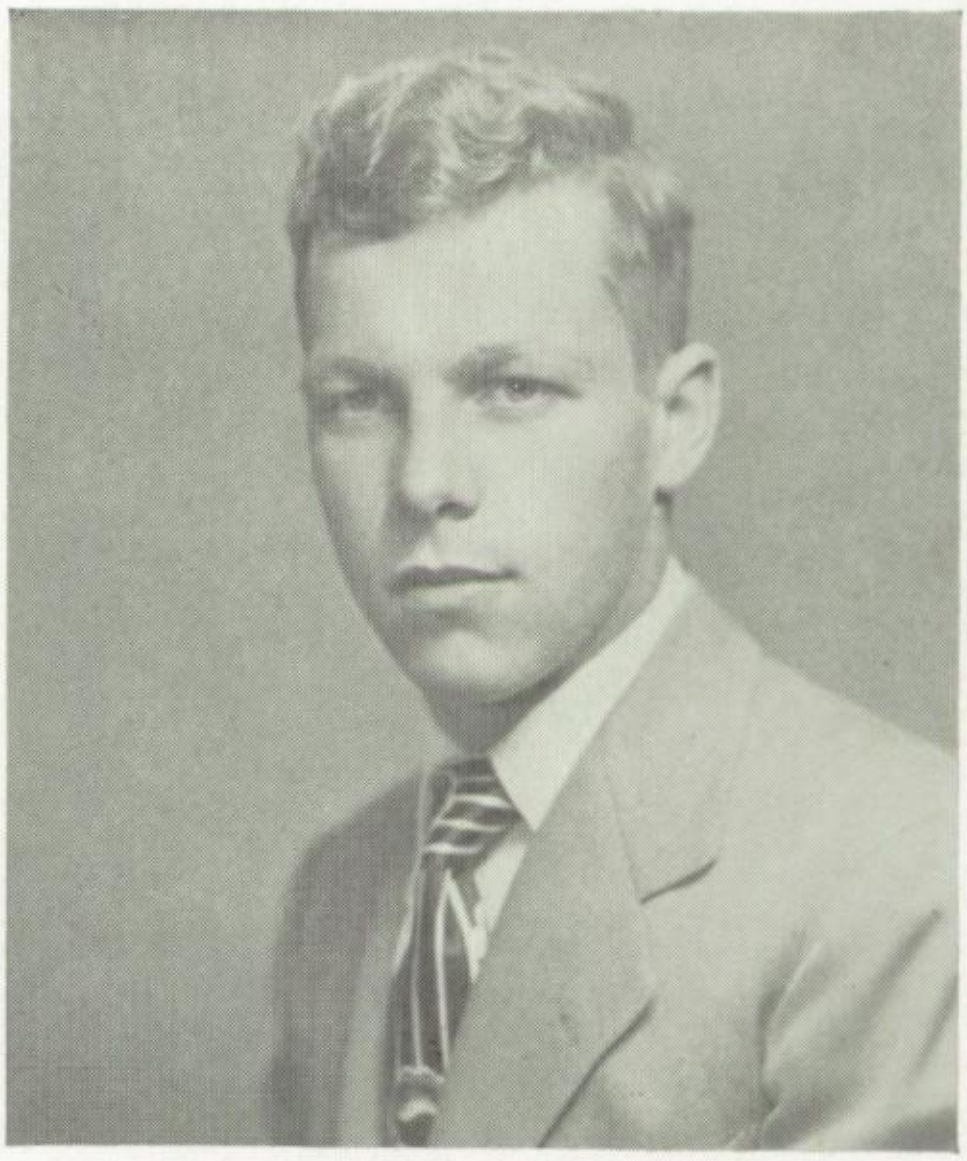
RANCIS RICHARD MURPHY

Class Officer 8; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins Day 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; Grapevine 8; Panel 10; Panel Officer 11, 12; Rifle Club 9; Football 8, 9, 11, 12; Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 8, 9, 11, 12; Stage Crew 10, 11, 12; Student Day 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12.

"Frannie's athletic ability has been outstanding ever since the first time he ventured into the sports world of Upper Merion. He has been a key man in many phases of school life. Having fun has been one of the main points of his school career, but he knows how to mix work with fun. The Best of Luck to you, "Frannie," as you continue to enjoy your future pathway in this good old world of ours.

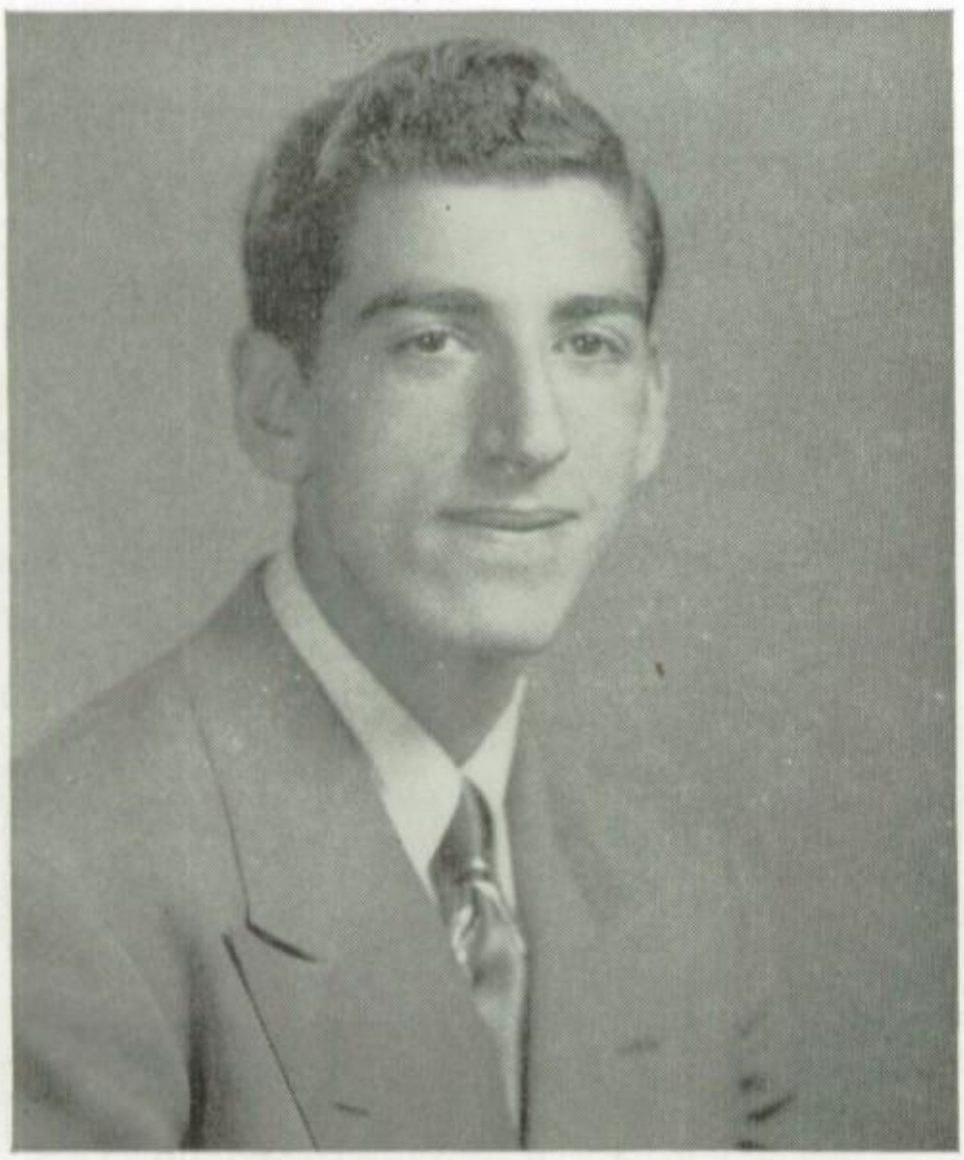


MARY AGNES NOVITSKI

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Prom Committee 11; Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; Library Club 11, 12.

Who do we see sitting at the desk in the library? Yes! It's Mary who always does a good, quiet job in her own modest, sincere way. You may be sure that Mary will be very successful after she leaves good old Upper Merion.

Seniors



JOHN ROCCO PARAVATY

Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; H lowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman D 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Senior Play 12; Bask ball 8, 12; Baseball 10, 12; Student Day 10, 11; Projection Club 10, 11, 12; Handicr Club 8, 9; Prom Committee 11.

John has always been one of the sil members of our class. Although silent, was always doing something for the cla John was a whiz in mathematics; we w never forget some of the algebra proble that he solved. We are sure John w succeed in his chosen work.

LAURA REGINA POSOBIEC

Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; Student Day 11; Yearbook 12.

"Lala," as she is known to some, is one of the attractive senior girls who is always seen walking thru the halls with her ever-faithful pal, Mary Jane. She is a "gal" who has a hearty laugh and a "higha" for everyone. There is never a dull moment when Laura is around. Here's hoping that you succeed in whatever your ambition may be, Laura.

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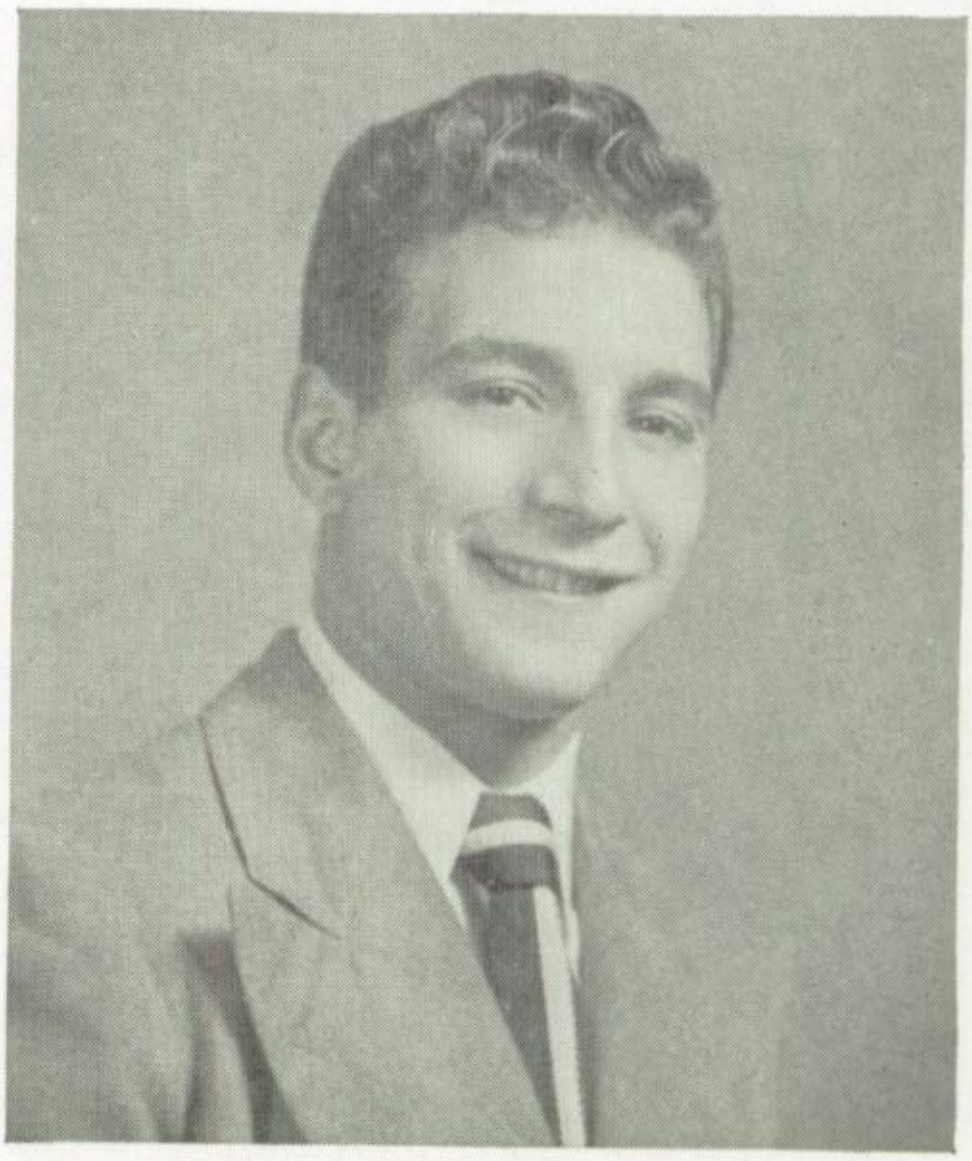
NTHONY JOHN ROBERTO

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; May Day 10, 11, 12; Rifle Club 9, 10; Football 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11; Baseball 8, 9, 11, 12; Student Association 12; Student Day 9, 10, 11; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12.

Who's that cute little fellow in the senior class? That's right, it's Tony Roberto! His ability in football, especially in the Bridgeport game last Fall when Tony took the ball at the kick-off and ran 100 yards for a touchdown, will keep him forever in our memory. We wish him the best of luck in the years to come.



LOUISE MARIE ROBINS

Class Salutatorian

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 9; Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 12; Fashion Show 11; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 8, 10; Junior Honor Society 9; Senior Honor Society 11, 12; May Day 11; Junior High Panel 7, 9; Senior High Panel 10; Senior Play 12; Basketball 10; Student Association 9, 10; Student Day 11; WNAR Reporter 11; Yearbook 12; Senior Honor Society Council 9, 10, 11, 12.

Louise is a smooth, well-groomed girl. She will be remembered by all for her hearty laughter. To Louise there is always a humorous side. Her dependability and pleasant ways have won her many friends who are bound to help her in years to come.

Seniors

ROSE BETSY ROSSI

Booster Club 12; Cheerleader 7, 8, 10, Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sad Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club Declamation 12; Fashion Show 11; Freshm Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 10; Grap vine Officer 11; Library Club 11; Majore in Band 12; May Day 11; Hockey 9, 10, 11, Basketball 10; Student Day 9, 10, 11, Varsity Club 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Spart Shop 9.

Rose is one of the popular and attracti lassies of our class with a disposition a personality that pleases everyone who kno her, especially "Abner." As a cheerlead Rose had a lot of pep. In hockey playi she was a great asset in keeping the b away from the goal cage. The senior cl wishes Rose the best of luck and happine in the years that come.

DORIS MARIE SABO

Band 11; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Fashion Show 10; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; Grapevine 11; May Day 11; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11.

"Dor" is the gay red-head of the senior class. Her humorous personality and willingness to help others have won her many friends. We are sure these traits will help her in her ambition to be a nurse. Lots of luck, "Dor"!

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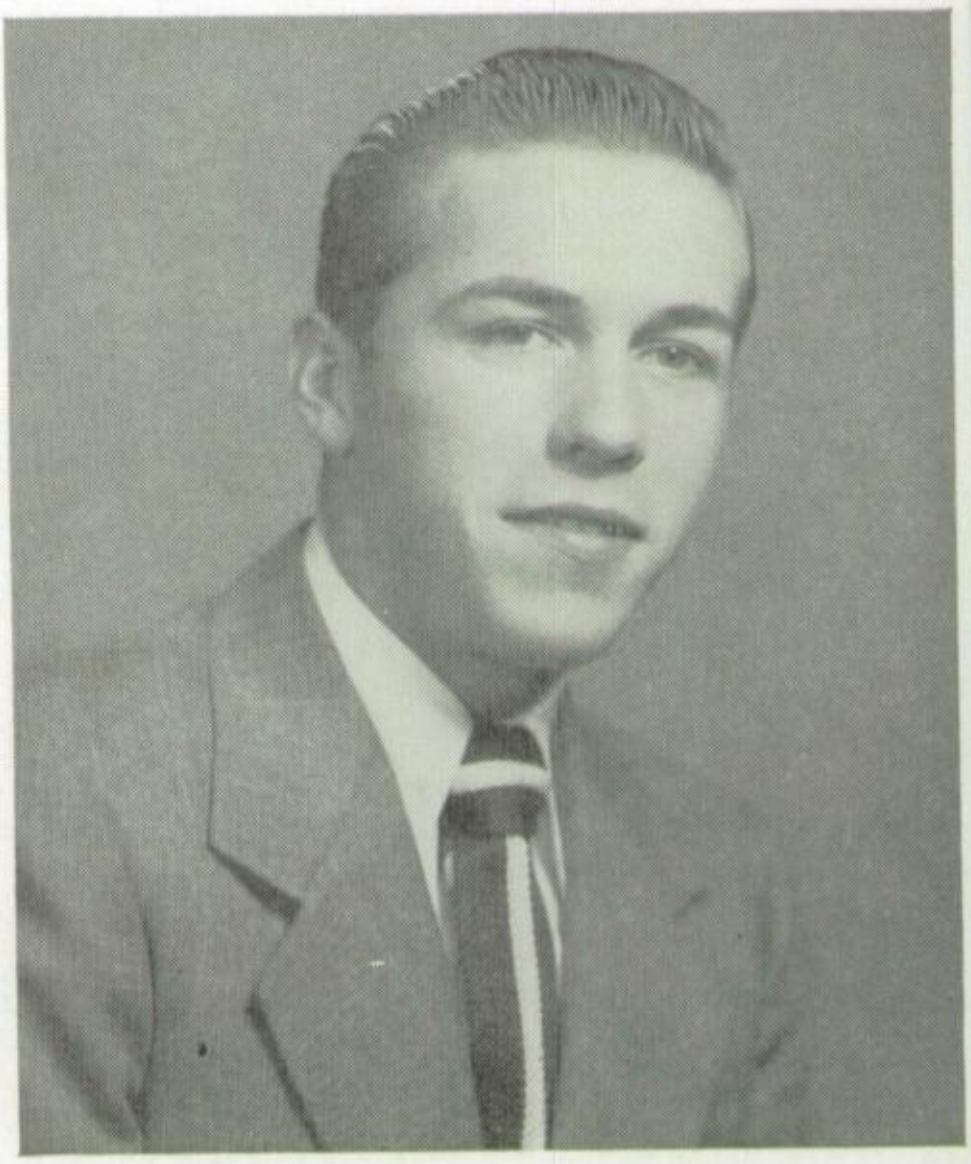
IRGINIA JANE SHORE

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11, Hallowe'en 12; Hockey 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Student Day 11; Varsity Club 12.

Few will ever forget "Ginny" Shore's athletic ability in Upper Merion. "Ginny" participated in both hockey and basketball. She joined our class in the sophomore year and has been one of our favorites ever since. We wish "Ginny" a lot of luck in whatever career she chooses after graduation.



JACK RICHARD SOPPICK

Chorus 11; Class V. Pres., 11; Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en Dance 12; Freshman Day 9; Golf Club 11; Grapevine 11; Rifle Club 10; Stage Crew 12; Basketball 8, 11; Baseball 9; Student Day 11.

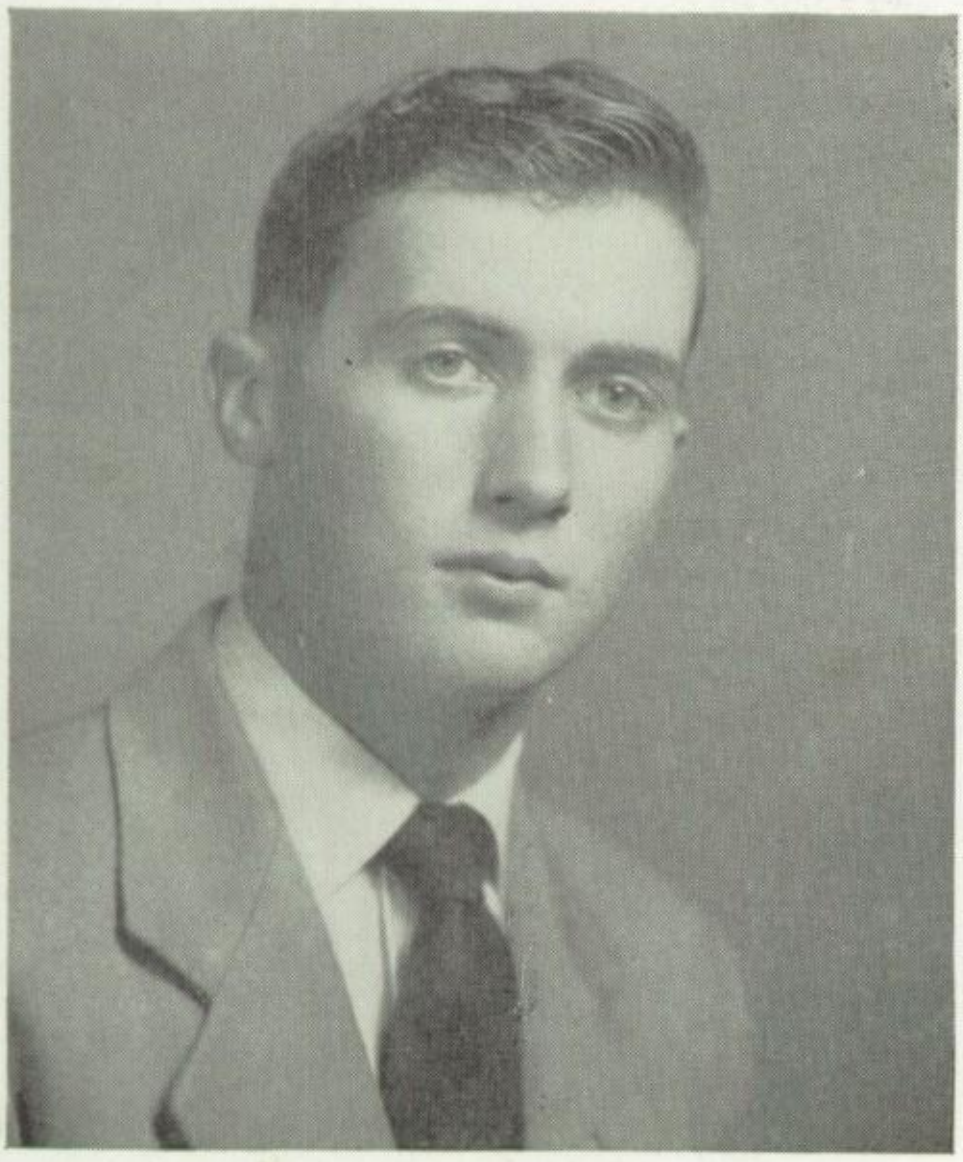
Jack is one of those fellows whose "take things as they come" attitude will long be remembered by his schoolmates. His pleasant manner and helping hand will leave an indelible mark on our memories. We know that Jack will be a great success in life.

Seniors

GLORIA HOPE STRICKLAND

Band 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Band Council 10, 1
Band Officer 11; Booster Club 10, 11; Chor
10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawki
11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Glee Cl
7, 8, 9; Library Club 10; May Day 11; Yea
book 12; Prom Committee 11.

**Music and Gloria go together. She h
been indispensible to the school, in ma
ways, with her ability to play the piano. T
band has depended upon her for her tro
bone talent. She also plays the orga
Gloria's virtues don't end with music for s
has been efficient in her commercial wo
too. Her quiet friendliness is known to
and we're sure that she will be successful
her future career.**



DONALD BAIN SUTHERLAND

Band 7, 8; Booster Club 11; Chorus 12; Class Officer 9; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Freshman Day 9; May Day 10; Senior Panel 12; Rifle Club 11; Football 12; Baseball 12; Projector Club 11; Prom Committee 11.

"Don," as he is known to everyone, is chiefly known for his sense of humor. He's brought many a dull class to life with his quick wit. But "Don" can also be serious when he wants to be. He has great artistic ability; he also proved himself an asset to the chorus. "Don" is a person who takes life as it comes. We're sure that whatever he does after graduation will be successful.

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IARY ANN SUZANNE

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; Library Club 9, 10; May Day 11; Student Day 10, 11; Yearbook 12.

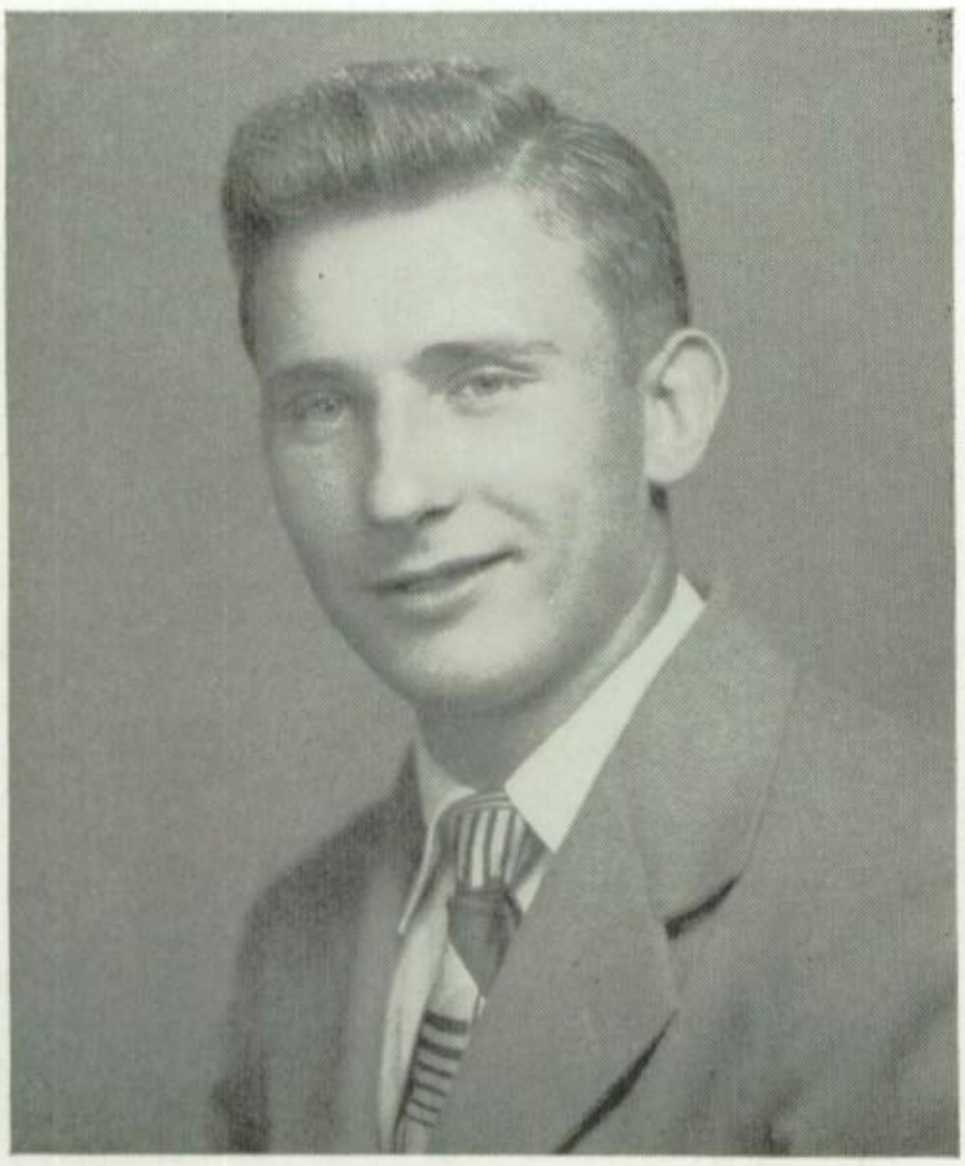
"Marion" is one of the attractive girls in the senior class. She is a quiet girl except for the hilarious laughter which you hear from her now and then. "Marion" plans to be a secretary in the future. Our best wishes go to "Marion" in anything which she may undertake.

DORIS JUNE THOMPSON

Chorus 10, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 12; Fashion Show 10, 11; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 7, 8, 9; Grapevine 8; Senior Honor Society 11, 12; May Day 8, 9, 11; Junior Panel 8; Senior Panel 11; Senior Play 12; Junior Play 11; Hockey 10; Basketball 10; Student Day 11; WNAR Reporter 11; Yearbook 12; Prom Committee 11.

"Junie," as she is known to all her friends, will long be remembered as the vixen of the senior play. "Junie's" ability to make friends will help her in her nursing career, we are sure. Lots of luck to you, Doris!

Seniors

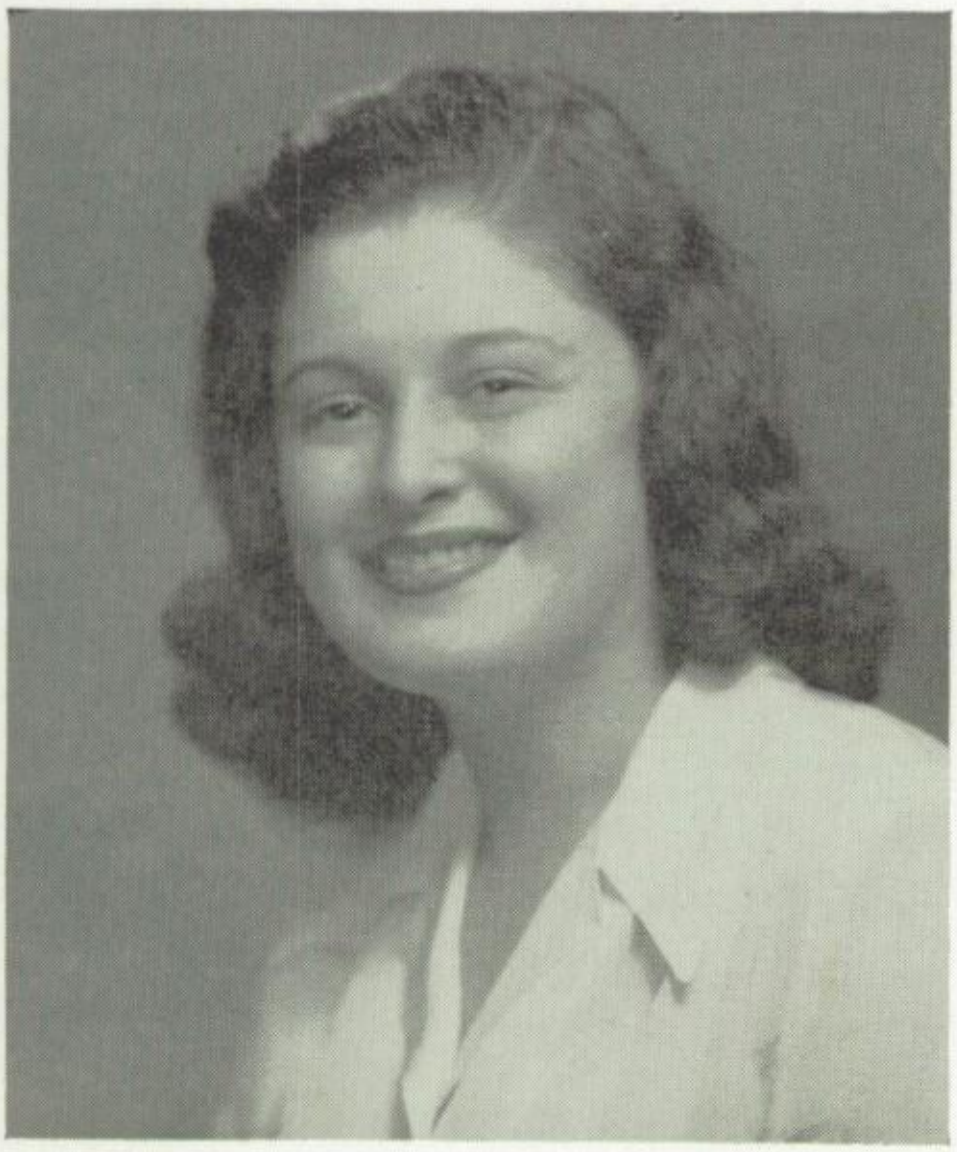


ERNEST THOMAS TOTH

Olympic Day King—1950

Class Officer 10; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadi Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Golf Club 10, 1 12; May Day 10; Junior Panel 12; Basketba 10, 11, 12; Stage Crew 11, 12; Student Day 1

"Ernie," a really handsome member of ou class, is a fellow whom the girls ador Athletically, "Ernie" was active in basketba and golf. A very quiet person with a plea ing personality, Ernest is sure to go place after he leaves the halls of his Alma Mater.



HELEN ELIZABETH TOTH

Cheerleader 11; Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Fashion Show 11; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; Grapevine 11; Senior Panel 10; Student Day 11; Yearbook 12.

"The girl with the million dollar smile." Yes! Helen is one of the girls in our class who possesses a pair of smiling, dark eyes. So you wanted music? Helen was sure to please with her excellent piano playing. This young lady, a hard worker, will surely lead a happy life in her nursing career.

1950

MARY JANE VALYO

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 11; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Glee Club 9; Grapevine 9, 10; May Day 11; Panel 11, 12; Senior Panel Officer 12; Student Day 9, 10, 11, 12.

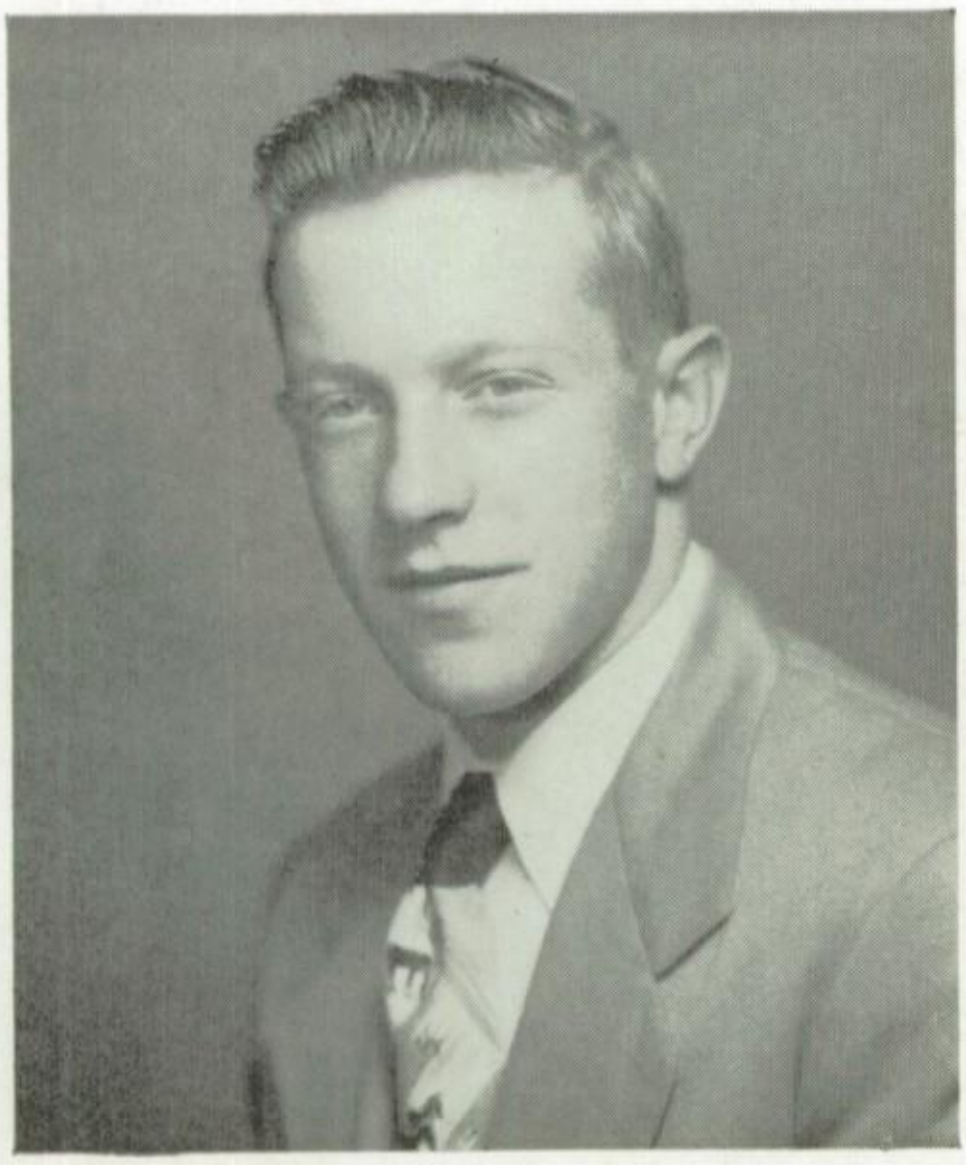
Mary Jane, one of the cute girls of the class, is usually seen driving around in her car. Her position as secretary of the Senior Panel has proven her secretarial capability. Her charming personality and smile will win her many friends.

ELEANOR ANN VANCE

Chorus 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Hop 10; Sadie Hawkins 11; Hallowe'en 12; Freshman Day 9; Glee Club 9; Library Club 9, 10; May Day 11; Student Day 10, 11; Yearbook 12.

There is never a dull moment when Eleanor is around. She is always a good sport. Eleanor is bound to be a success in anything she undertakes because of her smiling personality. We wish Eleanor lots of luck when she leaves her Alma Mater.

Seniors 1950



GEORGE D. WHITMORE

Sophomore Hop 10; Hallowe'en 12; Dancing Club 8; Declamation 12; Rifle Club 10; Football 11, 12; Basketball 9; Baseball 11, 12; Stage Crew 11, 12; Student Day 10.

This boy is very popular because he ha the ability to lead others. His favorite hobby is fixing cars and keeping in good standing with the women. He hopes to go to Drexe after Upper Merion. Lots of luck! We hope that George will reach every goal and neve get caught speeding in his new Oldsmobile

Senior Class

The seniors have had a busy year preparing for college and other fields of work which they will soon encounter. But they had more to do than class studying. Remember the Hallowe'en Party? That was given by the seniors, "spooks" and all. Then Christmas time came and they were as busy as bees selling Christmas Cards. As the days passed, the class members continued to do their share by participating in many extra-curricular activities. A few of the boys and girls will long be remembered for their excellent contribution in the field of sports.

As the seniors are promoted to the ranks of alumni, they wish lots of success to the future graduating classes.

Back Row—Jeffers, Clark, Smith, Paravaty, Greiner, Larkin, Burke, Henning, Hrusovsky, Katrina, Toth, Collins, Anselm.

Third Row—Berry, Manieri, Lownes, Durkee, J. Estock, Sutherland, E. Collins, Whitmore, Miller, Roberto, Matzik, Murphy, Soppick.

Second Row—Andreyko, Kovats, Strickland, Posobiec, Thompson, Robins, Vance, H. Toth, Shore, Kurylo, Farrell, Shine, Jakielaszek, Maciejewski, Milice, Valyo, Fulton.

First Row—Dilks, Anderson, Suzanne, Althouse, L. Estock, E. Smith, Hiscock, Bader, Costello, Mr. Thomas A. Campion, Sponsor; Markland, Novitski, Dayoc, Cyrus, Davis, Sabo, Moley, Rossi.

School Days . . .

Pigtails, knickers, lunchpails,
The missing two front teeth—
These are the famous tales
Echoing from empty seats.

Lipstick, long pants, dates,
Graduation thrills everywhere—
These are the famous tales
Echoing from still larger chairs.

Housewives, farmers, doctors,
Jobs throughout the world—
These are the famous tales
Told from our well-filled chairs.

DORIS THOMPSON.

Alma Mater . . .

Praise to Thee, Our Upper Merion!
Fairest School, so dear to me:
Bless thy Sons and bless thy Daughters!
Make us ever proud of Thee!

Praise to Thee, Our Upper Merion!
Make us loyal, strong and true!
Let's remember our tradition;
Alma Mater praise to Thee!

Words by
HERBERT L. HENSINGER
Music by
HENRY R. CASSELBERRY

UNDERCLASSMEN . . .

Our Followers . . .

We hope that all of the underclassmen of our Alma Mater will try to make their contribution to the "Upper Merion Way" of school life; that is, that succeeding classes will strive to follow along in the democratic way of life at Upper Merion.

You have helped us a lot; you have been good supporters of our class activities; you are good students and good school citizens. May you always carry the Upper Merion banner high—do your best for your school!

Back Row—Wynn, Toth, Grace, Scheetz, Emil, Dolga, Leroy, Blackwell, Perkins, Keehn, Manzo, Gregos, Gillen, Robins, DiAmbrosia.

Th ird Row—Angelos, Dewan, Teaford, Malloy, Harrison, Novitski, Smith, Knasiak, Stanley, Cairns, Carpenter, Blanken.

Second Row—Davis, Guidas, Suzanne, Althouse, Rossi, Pasqueal, Kuhna, Romano, Ferenz, Dudas, Mitchell, Wolfe, Saboe, Buddy, Strunack, Rex, Knaphle.

First Row—Saboe, Moser, Ostroski, Williams, Dudas, Mr. Yutz, Sponsor; Mr. Young, Sponsor; Buehler, Romig, Bengen, Howland, Gregos, Wood.

Junior Class

The Juniors are now ready for their biggest and best year—their senior year. As Juniors, their fine play and lovely Prom made them "tops" with the student body. This class has been and, we are sure, will continue to be successful in every way.

Top Row—Titus, Angstadt, Miller, Grabowski, Matzik, Alex Scott, Picariello, McKernan, Sedor, Knoebel, D. Stehman, Art Scott, Palm, Duda, Woodring, Overholser, Durkee, Marsh.

Third Row—Graburn, Megirr, Gerhard, Rossi, Slocum, Lilick, M. Ramsey, Cabe, Weideman, Weldie, DiCamillo, Teaford, Brownlie, Baker, Meister.

Second Row—Mr. George Eyth, Sponsor; Supplee, Fox, Althouse, E. Ramsey, M. A. Stehman, Toth, Posobiec, Kulpa, Kuczman, Walkoviak, Wrobel, Hritz, Emily Toth, Mastrocola, Kunder, Miss Aileen Cottingham, Sponsor; Mrs. Ruth Dietrich, Sponsor.

First Row—Lawless, Capaldo, Kontra, McHale, Keil, Richardson, McDermott, Nippes, Smith, Maum, Sutherland, Elaine Toth, O'Hara, Markland, Robbins, Gianguilio, Arnold.

Kneeling—Wert, Rokita, Anderson, Burry, Howland, Miller, Maineri, Davis, Wallick, Rowden, Wlazelek, Woodside, Novitski.

Sophomore Class

The Sophomores are an "up and coming" group. This class is really an asset to the school with abilities in sports as well as in class work. The first year of senior high school has been a beneficial one for all the members of this class, affording each one an opportunity to show his ability in some particular field.

Top Row—Oscapinski, Woodring, Farina, Rex, Brownlie, Anderson, Petrecz, Gergel, Nadwodny, Hensley, Mullen, Hill, Doucette, R. Allen, Silcox, McGeorge, DeVore, Clarke, Ashton.

Third Row—Wynne, Althouse, Wolfrom, Farrell, Douglass, Harrington, Yurick, Cole, Ewanick, R. Ebbert, R. Ebbert, White, Keck, Alexander, Mezger, King, Kutz, Rogianna, Oreski, Slough, Estock, Dolga, Buddy, Polarine, Lownes, Karr, Bean.

Second Row—Mr. Pollock, Mrs. Zawoiski, Fulton, Dilks, B. Allen, Horner, Firely, Kulpa, Long, Woodring, Wolfrom, Pierce, Harmon, A. Green, Brady, L. Green, Vance, Williams, Maiale,, Pastine, Searfoss, Berich, Rossi, Andreyko, Mr. Zuck.

First Row—Barchock, Dever, Rychlak, Lukens, Keck, Bernstiel, A. Ross, Shaffer, Markoski, Kuhna, Valyo, Collins, C. Ross, Byus, Scout, Slocum, Yakscoe.

Kneeling—Watters, Beidler, Etone.

Freshman Class

The Freshmen are all set for their first year of senior high school next fall. With so many of these students interested in sports, all Upper Merion rivals should have a hard time. The Freshman Frolic held by the "Frosh," during the spring season, was one of the high-lights of this school year. The Class of '53 has what it takes! Good Luck! Keep it up!

Top Row—Kontra, C. Basile, Fish, Auch, Smisko, Wysock, Wood, Barchock, Long, Hendren, Silcox, Moley, A. Basile, Pires, Nippes.

Third Row—Brady, Polarine, Profera, Digideo, Paravaty, Branca, Hanson, Hayes, Burke, Wynn, Farrell, Jakielaszek, Scott, Wolfe, Dudas, Dalasio, Dilworth.

Second Row—Miss Riechelderfer, Rice, Lee, Maiale, Sedor, Florig, Kutz, Hilderbrandt, Perkins, Sutherland, Miller, McFadden, Moser, Singleton, Ramsey, Mr. Martella.

Front Row—Miller, Young, Burchill, Strausser, Klotzbach, Hammel, Fletcher, Brown, Smith, Mora, Markland, Picarielli, V. Tarhovicky, Gregos, M. Tarhovicky.

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade students this year are coming along nicely in their studies as well as in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Their many varied interests make them one of the best classes in the school. Next year they will be the Freshmen of our school. We hope this group will carry on in true Spartan tradition.

Top Row—Ramsey, Kieffer, Kontra, Bixler, Mattiola, Shoemaker, Haney, W. Evelyn, Varian, Helinski, Clarke, Searfoss, R. Hertzog, Markoski, Miller, B. Burke, Dayoc, O. Anderson.

Third Row—Hensinger, Richardson, Lilick, Beatty, McKelvy, Shillady, Jones, Brawn, Dalasio, Davis, Emel, McGeorge, Barber, Moser, Graburn, Fielding, Kulpa.

Second Row—Mr. Robert Brackin, Ewanick, Whelan, Boch, Woodring, Pierce, King, Houser, P. Evelyn, C. Anderson, Wolfrom, Chierici, Lockhart, Smisko, J. Clark, Haines, Mr. George Santoro.

First Row—Louden, Keck, J. Brown, Basile, Donatella, Ross, Hartman, B. Evelyn, Brady, Estock, Shea, Wynn, Murray, Andreyko, Beecher.

Kneeling—G. Hertzog, Megirr, Harris, Bickhart, Florig, Willis, Wilkey.

Seventh Grade

The newcomers to Upper Merion have adjusted themselves very well to school life here since they began junior high school in September. These youngsters have the pep and stamina necessary to become an outstanding class. Many seventh grade students are represented in various extra-curricular activities throughout the school.

Senior High School Class Officers

GRADE 12—

President.....EDWARD COSTELLO
Vice President.....SUSAN BADER
Secretary .....PEG MARKLAND
Treasurer.....CATHERINE HISCOCK

GRADE 11—

President.....FLORENCE WILLIAMS
Vice President.....JOE DUDAS
Secretary.....ALICE BUEHLER
Treasurer.....DOROTHY ROMIG

GRADE 10—

President.....IRVIN ANGSTADT
Vice President.....JEAN NIPPES
Secretary.....PATSY McDERMOTT
Treasurer.....MARY KEIL

Home Room Teachers

7-I —Mr. Santoro
7-II —Mr. Brackin
8-I —Miss Reichelderfer
8-II —Mr. Martella
9-I —Mrs. Zawoiski
9-II —Mr. Pollock
9-III—Mr. Zuck
10-I —Mrs. Dietrich
10-II —Mr. Eyth
10-III—Miss Cottingham
11-I —Mr. Yutz
11-II —Mr. Young
12-I —Mrs. Wolfskill
12-II —Mr. Fries

Class Lists

CLASS OF 1951 (JUNIORS)

Joan Althouse
Frieda Angelos
Leona Bengen
Betty Blanken
Stanford Broadwater
Patricia Buddy
Alice Buehler
Ronald Cairns
Margaret Carpenter
Cora Chesson
Raymond D'Ambrosia
Sue Davis
Rose Ann Dewan
Joseph Dolga
Helen Dudas
Joseph Dudas
Gilbert Emel
Margaret Ferenz
Francis Gillen
David Grace
Allen Gregos
Irene Gregos
Marie Guidas
William Harrison
Jane Howland
Leroy Keehn
Janet Knaphle
Leo Knasiak
Florence Kuhna
Richard Leroy
Russell Malloy
Joseph Manzo
Gasper Mastrocola
Mildred Mitchell
Shirley Moser
Stephen Novitski
Margaret Ostroski
Rita Pasquale
Robert Perkins
Elaine Rex
Charles Robbins
Anna Romano
Dorothy Romig
Patsy Rossi
Helen Saboe
Marian Sabol
Wasson Sheetz
Thomas Smith
Daniel Stanley
Betty Strunack
Helen Suzanne
Howard Teaford
Francis Toth
Florence Williams
Emma Jean Wolfe
Joan Wood
William Wynn

CLASS OF 1952 (SOPHOMORES)

Anne Althouse
June Anderson
Irvin Angstadt
Normaline Arnold
Horace Baker
Felix Barchock
John Brownlie
Katherine Burry
Marshall Cabe
Marie Capaldo
Michael Dayoc
John DiCamillo
Richard Duda
Bradford Durkee
Shirley Fox
Bruce Gerhard
Marie Gianguilio
Joseph Grabowski
Lynne Graburn
Dorothy Hritz
Mary Keil
Louis Knoebel
Rose Kontra
Catherine Kuczman
Eleanor Kulpa
Margaret Kunder
Elaine Lawless
Donald Lilick
Theresa Mainieri
Patricia Markland
Thomas Marsh
Marian Mastrocola
John Matzik
Mary Maum
Patsy McDermott
George McKernan
Nancy McHale
Patrick Megirr
Carl Meister
Ann Miller
Leonard Miller
Jean Nippes
Eleanor O'Hara
Compton Overholser
Albert Palm
David Picarello
Theresa Posobiec
Elizabeth Ramsey
Maurice Ramsey
Mildred Richardson
Ethel Robbins
Mary Rokita
Frank Rossi
Norma Rowden
Andrew Sedor
Alexander Scott
Archie Scott
Robert Slocum
Vivian Smith
Dale Stehman
Mary Stehman
Billie Supplee
Marjorie Sutherland
Theodore Teaford
Glenn Titus
Elaine Toth
Emily Toth
Rita Toth
Anna Walkowiak
Gayle Wallick
Raymond Weldie
John Wert
Robert Wideman
Wanda Wlazelek
Harold Woodring
Jean Woodside
Catherine Wrobel

Class Lists

CLASS OF 1953 (FRESHMEN)

Charles Dolga
George Doucette
William Douglass
Raymond Ebbert
Richard Ebbert
Elwod Emel
Francis Estock
George Evanek
William Farrell
Pasquale Farina
Dorothy Firely
Betty Lou Fulton
Ada Green
Linda Green
John Gergel
Samuel Hallman
Nellie Harmon
Bernard Harrington
Thomas Hensley
John Hertzog
Seldon Hill
Connie Horner
Joan Karr
Craig Keck
Ronald Alexander
Barbara Allen
Robert Allen
Carolyn Althouse
Leroy Anderson
Janet Andreyko
John Ashton
Anna Mae Barchock
Joan Bean
Paul Beech
Dorothy Beidler
Dolores Berich
Gloria Bernsteil
Patricia Brady
Robert Brownlie
Jack Buddy
Richard Burkert
Joan Byus
Elijah Clarke
William Cole
Jacqueline Collins
Dolores Dever
David Devore
Barbara Dilks
Jean Keck
Robert King
Anna Kuhna
Anna Mae Kulpa
Harry Kutz
Paulina Long
Howard Lownes
Dolores Lukens
Philomena Maiale
Jean Markowski
Royal McGeorge
Eric Mezger
Walter Miller
William Miller
Victor Nadwodny
Michael Oreski
Anthony Oscapinski
Constance Pastine
Joseph Petrecz
Laura Pierce
Joseph Polarine
Ronald Rex
Peter Rogiana
Alexandria Ross
Carmella Ross
Rita Rossi
Doris Rychlak
Patricia Scout
Doris Searfoss
Madeline Shaffer
Edward Silcox
Carol Slocum
DeHaven Slough
Deborah Stone
Joseph Sugalski
Eleanor Valyo
Joan Vance
Barbara Watters
Joseph White
Mary Williams
Frank Wolfrom
Lillian Wolfrom
John Woodring
Lorraine Woodring
Ann Wynne
Frank Yakscoe
John Yurick

CLASS OF 1954 (8th GRADE)

Robert Auch
Nicholas Barchock
Alex Basile
Camille Basile
Robert Berry
Joseph Brady
Fred Branca
Jean Brown
Barbara Burchill
Ernest Burke
WilliamDalasio
Albert DeGidio
Richard Dilworth
Stephen Dudas
Richard Farrell
Robert Fish
Jean Fletcher
Jean Florig
Mary Gregos
Blanche Hammel
Norman Hanson
Paul Hayes
Oliver Hendren
Patricia Hildebrandt
Florence Klotzbach
Michael Kontra
Mary Alice Kutz
Shirley Lee
Edward Long
Leona Mabry
Thelma Mabry
Theresa Maiale
Barbara Markland
Margaret McFadden
Geraldine Miller
Shirley Miller
John Moley
Betty Mora
Joan Moser
Richard Nippes
Anthony Paravaty
Barbara Perkins
Marie Picariello
Edmund Pires
Allen Polarine
Joseph Profera
Alice Ramsey
Louise Rice
Douglas Scott
Betsy Sedor
Gene Silcox
Helen Singleton
George Smisko
Ruth Smith
Ruth Strausser
Jessie Sutherland
Margaret Tarhovicky
Veronica Tarhovicky
William Walcoby
Allen Wolfe
William Wood
John Wynn
Edward Wysock
Jeanne Young

Class Lists

CLASS OF 1955 (7th GRADE)

Claire Anderson
Otis Anderson
Marjorie Andreyko
Rose Basile
Milford Beatty
Dorothy Beecher
Mary Bickhart
Robert Bixler
Virginia Boch
Claudia Brady
George Brown
Janet Brown
Catherine Burke
Robert Burke
Mary Carvell
Martha Chierici
Herman Clarke
Joan Clark
Ronald Dalasio
Donelly Davis
Vincent Dayoc
Jane Donatello
Earl Emel
Margaret Estock
Barbara Evelyn
Phyllis Evelyn
William Evelyn
Joan Ewanick
Richard Fielding
Margaret Florig
John Gianguilio
William Graburn
Sara Haines
Thomas Haney
Diane Harkins
Barbara Harris
Roberta Hartman
David Hensinger
Gail Hertzog
Robert Hertzog
Charles Hurst
Helen Houser
David Jones
Caroline Keck
William Kieffer
Dorothy King
John Kontra
John Kulpa
Joseph Lilick
March Lockhart
Margaret Lowdon
Stanley Harkoski
Joseph Mattiola
David McGeorge
James McKelvey
Irene Megirr
Merritt Miller
Richard Moser
Mattaleen Murray
Barbara Pierce
Nathan Ramsey
Thomas Richardson
Vienna Ross
Robert Searfoss
Mary Shea
Donald Shillady
Karl Shoemaker
Mary Ann Smisko
William Stoy
Newbold Varian
Barry Whelan
Nancy Wilkey
Dora Wills
Delores Wolfrom
Nancy Woodring
Patricia Wynne

ACTIVITIES . . .

Activity Report . . .

At one time, people believed only in classroom study. Extra-curricular work was out of the question! Now, teachers, parents, and pupils, see things differently. They realize that other activities are very important in school life. The informality of an activity program develops self-confidence and stimulates a student's interest in a particular hobby. Informal studying often helps a personality. At the same time, it gives a student a chance to express himself and share his ideas with others.

We are very fortunate in having a large variety of activities from which to choose. Our program is larger than many schools of our size. Approximately seventy percent of the junior-senior high school attends at least one club. However, there is much room for expansion in each club, and next year the sponsors hope to have every pupil enrolled in one or two different clubs.

Preparation has already started, in some clubs, for future projects, and all promise to offer the best in worth-while interests for Upper Merion pupils.

Standing—Knaphle, Angstadt, Mr. S. H. Laudenslager, Wynne.
Seated—Shine, Moley, Mainieri, Mitchell, Howland.

Band Council

Every year a band member from each of the classes, seven to twelve, respectively, is selected to serve on the Band Council. The organization became effective three years ago; it has done much to set up and maintain standards of conduct for the band personnel. Another of its functions is to assist with routine business. It has proven itself necessary and useful many times. A Constitution was drawn up when the council first started which is used to act on all band policies. "Hats off" to the Band Council, a very worthy organization!

Band

This past year has been a banner one for the Upper Merion High School Band. Each member has done his part to make the band bigger and better.

One of the highlights of the year was an exchange concert with Upper Moreland High School on April 27.

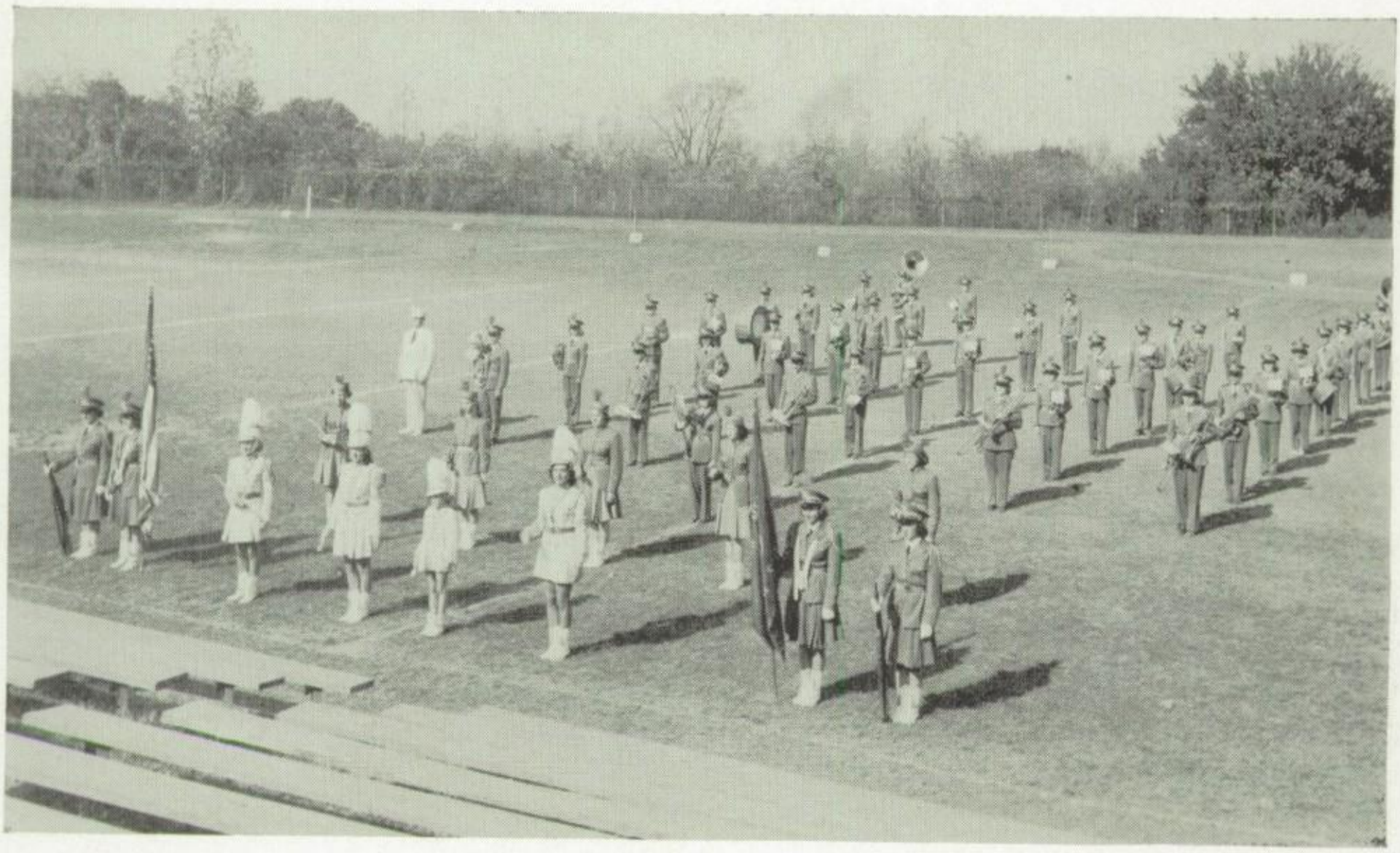
The band performed at all of the football games and several of the basketball games.

Five talented members of the band were selected to participate in the Southeastern District Band, at Souderton, on January 12, 13, and 14.

The Spring Concert, on May 26, was very successful.

The band also marched with a local fire company at the Conshohocken Centennial on May 20.

Here's hoping the band will continue to be such an important part of school life, for so many students at Upper Merion.



Band

COLOR GUARDS (Left)—
- L. Bengen
- P. Carpenter

COLOR GUARDS (Right)—
- S. Davis
- P. McDermott

MAJORETTES—
- J. Knaphle, Second Lieutenant
- P. Buddy, Majorette
- R. Hanley, Junior Majorette
- D. Moley, First Lieutenant

TWIRLERS—
- B. Watters
- D. Stone
- D. Biedler
- M. Mastrocola
- A. Romano

DIRECTOR—
- Samuel H. Laudenslager

FIRST RANK (Left)—
- E. Collins
- J. Howland
- C. Overholser
- O. Hendren
- R. Cairns
- N. McHale
- L. Miller
- R. Brownlie

SECOND RANK—
- E. Silcox
- T. Mainieri
- D. Mainieri
- W. Cole
- P. Hayes
- L. Rice
- R. McGeorge

THIRD RANK—
- E. Rex
- R. Alexander
- P. Wynn
- W. Douglass
- J. Wynn
- G. Hertzog
- B. Sedor

FOURTH RANK—
- J. Carr
- B. Strunack
- M. Mitchell
- P. Beech
- P. Roggianio
- D. Shillady
- J. Bean

FIFTH RANK—
- G. Strickland
- D. Grace
- P. Shine
- P. Ferenz
- R. D'Ambrosia
- S. Bader
- C. Althouse
- E. Silcox

Standing—Toth, Soppick, Murphy, Mr. Frank C. Yutz, Sponsor; Cairns, Titus, Dudas, Stanley.
Seated—Graburn, Davis, Cyrus, Knaphle, Supplee, Arnold, Wlazelek, Valyo, Saboe, Marsh.

Senior Panel

The panel has come a long way since its organization five years ago. Under the leadership of Mr. Frank C. Yutz, its members make up the governing body of the school. The main objective of the panel is to discuss student problems and to try to remedy them. Requests of the student body are brought before this organization and, after much consideration, are laid before the administration for a decision. The panel provides a democratic background for school life and, at the same time, stimulates the student's interest in a form of government which he will come in contact with as he gains the knowledge of the outside world.

This year, the panel has set up a Student Scheduling Activity Committee which has improved the activity period problem a great deal and has stimulated students' interests in a particular club. The panel deserves a lot of credit for its achievements during the past year since we know it will continue to do the good work that has made it so outstanding.

Standing—Auch, Silcox, Hensley, Pires, DeVore, Mr. Robert Brackin, Sponsor; Shillady, Hendren.
Seated—Scout, Perkins, Schaffer, Wolfrom, Fulton, Althouse, Strausser, Beidler.

Junior Panel

The main purposes of the Junior Panel are to teach children ideals of democracy and to help students to express their viewpoints before the student body. In this way the group obtains student opinion concerning school affairs.

The panel has done much during the past school year to impress, especially, the Junior High pupils that they should show respect for the general appearance of the school; to encourage activities to keep students busy during activity periods; to organize panel meetings so that great interest has been achieved; to have a better understanding of our unique type of student government, and, to cooperate better with the administration and faculty.

Left—Chierici, Maiale, Toth, Miller, Sabol, Rychlak, Markland, Moley, Pasquale.
Right—Burke, Costello, King, F. Toth, Mrs. Grace K. Miller, Sponsor; Mainieri, Roberto, Scott, Cabe, Buddy.

Student Association

The Student Association is one of the most worth-while and helpful organizations in the school. Any student should be proud to be an active member of the "360 Club." One of the purposes of this club is to provide more activities at lower cost to the students. It also contributes toward the publication of "The Grapevine" and "Pioneer," and provides several good movies each year.

The Student Association's outstanding achievements this year included an entertainment of hypnotism and a talk on experiences of practical psychology. The defraying of expenses for more and better facilities were also accomplishments not to be forgotten. We congratulate the "360 Club" on its outstanding work this year.

Standing—Mr. Herbert L. Hensinger, Co-sponsor; Maum, Guidas, Dewan, Fulton, Sutherland, Wynne, Supplee, Smith, Hiscock, Howland, Wood, Davis, Mr. George E. Santoro, Co-sponsor.
Seated—Blanken, Carpenter, Keil, Althouse, Allen, Dilks, Knaphle, Fulton, Sutherland, Moley, Rossi, Strunack, Mitchell, Romig.

Booster Club

One of the more active service clubs in Upper Merion is the Booster Club. Its members have sponsored all Honor Assemblies and have produced several talent shows during the past year. Mr. Hensinger and Mr. Santoro, the club's sponsors, always seem to be directing their proteges in the right direction. Take a good look at the personnel of this club; you will note that this group is really a peppy bunch of go-getters.

Standing, Top Row—Cabe, Alex, Scott, Grace, Stanley, Cairns, Toth, Archie Scott, J. Dudas, McKernan, Durkee, L. Miller, Angstadt, Rossi.

Second Row, Standing—Smith, Posobiec, Wlazelek, A. Miller, E. Howland, Keil, McHale, Althouse, Kontra, Sabol, Wolfe, Angelos, Bengen, Williams, Arnold, Davis, McDermott, Mastracola, Rowden, Robbins, Maum.

Third Row, Standing—R. Toth, Shine, E. Toth, Wrobel, Supplee, Richardson, Moser, Ostroski, Suzanne, Romano, Kuhna, Pasqueal, Rossi, Knaphle, J. Howland, Ferenz, Rex, Strunack, Wood, Gregos, Mitchell, Buehler, Dudas, Buddy.

Sitting—Strickland, Bader, Kovats, Estock, Valyo, Maciejewski, Dilks, Suzanne, Novitski, Shore, Moley, Davis, Mrs. Ruth Dietrich, Directors; Markland, Farrell, Milice, Toth, Thompson, Robins, Sabo, Dayoc, Jakielaszek, Andreyko, Saboe.

Bottom Row—Kuczam, Woodside, Markland, Lawless, Vance, Kurylo, Anderson, Estock, Collins, Sutherland, Jeffres, Roberto, Cyrus, Fulton, Rossi, Mainieri.

Senior Chorus

Singing is everyone's enjoyment, whether they know much about music or not, but the senior high chorus increases one's knowledge of good selections, as well as providing enjoyment for its one hundred members.

At Christmas time the chorus presented a cantata; all of the old familiar carols were included. Later, the senior class chorus entertained at Valley Forge General Hospital.

The annual Spring Concert, held early in May, was an outstanding event. Blending with the music were the girls' lovely gowns and the attractively set stage, bedecked with palms.

According to tradition, the senior members of the chorus rendered their last selections at Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises. All in all, the year was a very beneficial one with lots of work, but a great deal of fun.

Back Row—Harris, Murray, Bickhart, Harkins, Brady, P. Wynne, Hertzog, Sutherland, Burice, Hayes, Mrs. Ruth K. Dietrich, Director; J. Wynn, A. Wynne, Sedor, Woodring, Anderson, Haines, Chierici, Kieffer, Emel, Hensinger, Estock, Wills, Florig.

Middle Row—Wilkey, Kutz, McFadden, Moser, Young, Mora, Berich, Harmon, Keck, Hartman, B. Evelyn, R. Evelyn, Pierce.

Second Row—Stone, Rossi, Singleton, Hildebrandt, Klotzbach, Fletcher, Hammel, Andreyko, Horner, Dever, Rychlak, Firely, Ross, Bernstiel, Williams, Smisko, Beidler, Watters.

Junior Glee Club

Members of this club have found a way to make worth-while use of their leisure time and to increase their ability to sing in parts. This year the membership has been limited to fifty. They have done a fine job and have gotten much enjoyment from singing together.

The Glee Club's big event took place on May 26, when they sang at the annual Band Concert. Because of their outstanding performance, we know that these boys and girls will help to make the Senior Chorus one of which to be proud as they step into the shoes of their older classmates.

Third Row—Novitski, J. Althouse, O'Hara, S. Althouse.
Second Row—Andreyko, Smith, Hiscock, Robbins, Lawless, Mrs. Marcia Krysa, Sponsor.
First Row—A. Althouse, Sutherland, Jakielaszek, President; Rowden, Woodside.

Senior High Library Club

To give students the opportunity to work in the library as assistants and have a feeling of satisfaction in serving others, are the main purposes of the Senior High Library Club. Experience in library procedure is of great importance and the members of this club know most of the techniques.

Recently, the club has been selling pocket-edition books. This project has been successful, and students now have a way to get entertainment from short stories of all varieties. A lot of credit is due the Library Club, a worthy organization.

Fourth Row: Mrs. Marcia Krysa, Sponsor; Mora, Keck, Wills, Wilkey, P. Evelyn, Barchock, Burke, B. Evelyn.
Third Row—McFadden, Florig, J. Lockhart, Boch, Rice, Harmon, Scout, Hildebrandt, Hayes.
Second Row—Sedor, Miller, Young, President; Strausser, Shea, Maiale, Moser.
First Row—Bixler, Florig, P. Kutz, Burchill, Estock, Ross, Andreyko.

Junior High Library Club

The most outstanding accomplishment of the Junior High Library Club, this year, has been to equip the "Browsing Room" with some of the many furnishings necessary to make this room as "homey" as possible for the students. The Mothers' Club, and the Junior and Senior High School Library Clubs have purchased curtains, windsor chairs and maple chairs for the room, also polished brass lamps. With such fine cooperation and so many improvements, the library and its fine clubs are sure to succeed in the future.

Top Row, Standing—Bixler, Lilick, Searfoss, Douglass, Emel, Keehn, Perkins, Manzo, Gregos, Evelyn, Moser, Wolfrom, Graburn.

Third Row—Byus, Keil, Richardson, Wallick, Davis, Althouse, McHale, McDermott, Wolfrom, Chierici, Hertzog, Bickhart, Megirr.

Second Row—Miss Reichelderfer, Co-Sponsor; Ross, Saboe, Bengen, Davis, Althouse, Sutherland, Saboe, Mitchell, Romig, Harmon, Hauser, Strunack, Buddy, Howland, Mrs. Zawoiski, Co-Sponsor.

Front Row—Guidas, Moley, Dewan, Angelos, Wood, Knaphle, Mr. Pollock, Sponsor; Cairns, Blanken, Carpenter, Williams, Gregos.

Grapevine

A large portion of the news of the school is brought to the student body through the efforts of the "Grapevine" Staff. From assemblies and sports to the latest "chat," the juniors with their staff are working hard to improve the paper and satisfy the students. Enjoyment and education are blended nicely in the "Grapevine." The assignments are on the students' shoulders, affording them the opportunity to become good leaders. The "Grapevine" has become such an important part of Upper Merion that we hope to see it continue and grow in the future.

Fourth Row—Allen, Devore, Hendren, Pires, Fish.
Third Row—Mr. Merrill C. Young, Sponsor; J. Florig, Hildebrandt, Lockhart, Whelan, Murray.
Second Row—Beecher, Burchill, Miller, Young, Perkins, Sedor.
First Row—Bickhart, Wills, P. Florig, Wilkey, Andreyko

Art Club

The Art Club had a busy year. Members have found a useful way in which to use their spare time. The purpose of the club has been to promote hobbies and to provide enjoyment for everyone, and the club has done just that.

The club's accomplishments were many. One of the main projects was the refinishing of picture frames. Paintings by art students were put in the frames and they were placed on walls for classroom decorations.

May 6 was a big day for the Art Club. After much preparation, the group was on its way to Hyde Park, West Point, and New York City. The day proved a very educational and entertaining one. We hope that in the coming years more of these grand trips will be in store for this very active club.

Back Row—Mr. George Eyth, Sponsor; Harris, Bickhart, Donatella, Basile, Anderson, Ross, Estock.
Front Row—Hertzog, Burke, B. Evelyn, P. Evelyn.

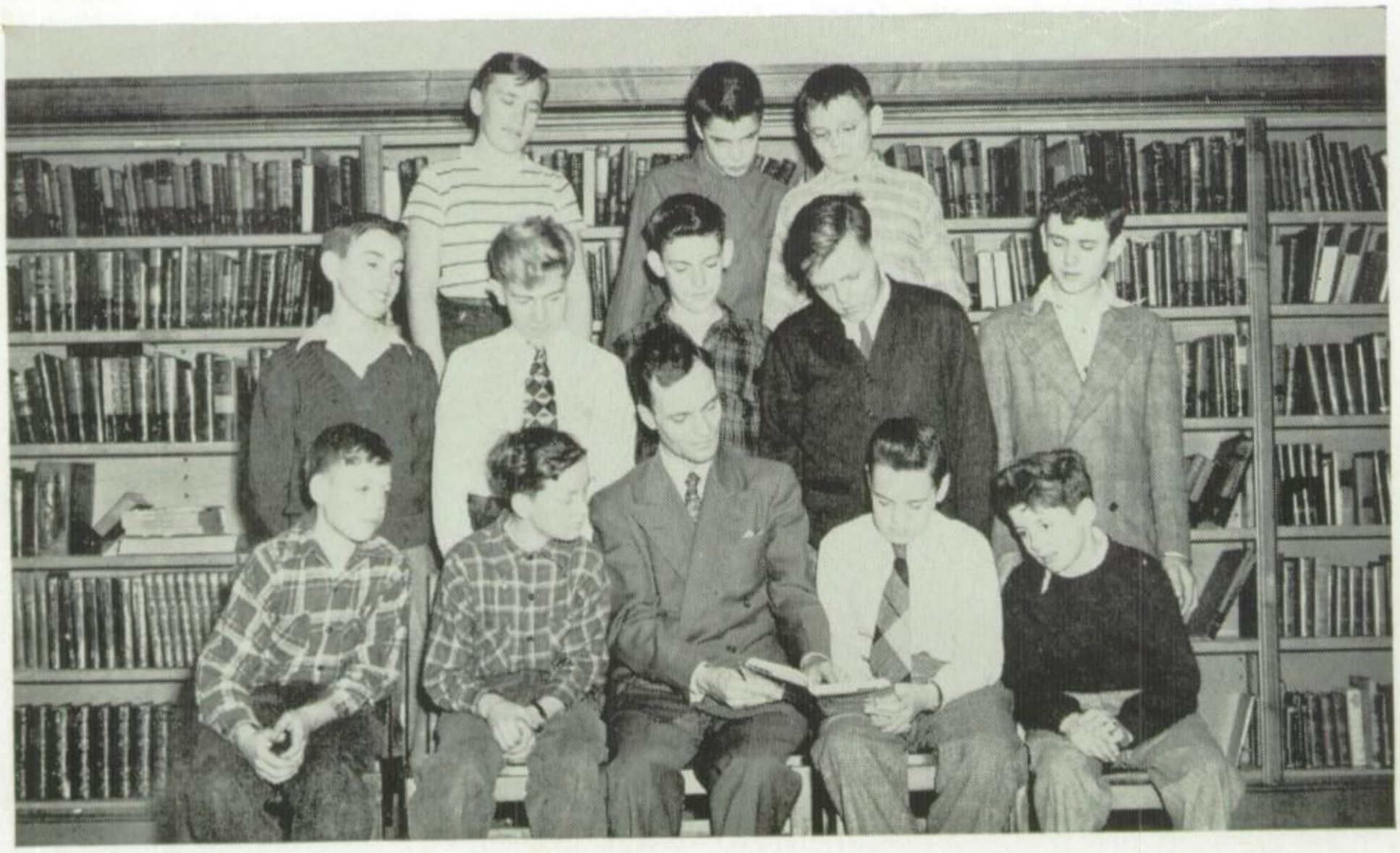
Girls' Shop Club

The Girls' Shop Club, under the sponsorship of Mr. George Eyth, has now been in existence for three years. This popular club teaches Upper Merion girls how to use hand tools, and to appreciate the value of materials and workmanship. Here, the girls learn to make articles which satisfy their creative desires. We hope the girls will really try to do the simple household repairs at home from now on. Watch out, fellows! They mean business!

Second Row—Yurick, Oreski, Duda, Dolga, Buddy, Lownes.
Front Row—Gergel, Kieffer, Hanson, Wolfrom.

Rifle Club

Ready! Aim! Fire! Watch out for one "super" gang of sharp shooters! This club, under the supervision of Mr. George E. Santoro, aims to teach the safe and proper method of using a rifle. Our range, located under the auditorium, is an excellent one on which to have target practice.



Third Row—Searfoss, Varian, Brawn.
Second Row—Hurst, Shoemaker, Markoski, Ashton, Haney.
First Row—Hensinger, Emel, Mr. Robert Brackin, Sponsor; Ramsey, Richardson.

Model Club

The Model Club is an activity in which mostly Junior High students are interested. It helps to develop the students' interest in airplanes, automobiles, and trains, the three main forms of transportation which we depend upon today. This club also gives the students practice in the use of scales.

This year there has been competition in the making of model airplanes. This competition helps to promote an interest in a club. By making model airplanes in the club, they have the opportunity of learning how to follow directions carefully and correctly.

Standing—Paravaty, Berry, Lownes, Mrs. Marie M. Wolfskill, Director; Durkee, Costello, Greiner.
Seated—Cyrus, Dilks, Robins, Thompson, Farrell.

Senior Play

This year the "Class of 1950," under the direction of Mrs. Marie M. Wolfskill, presented a three-act comedy by Bret Harte, entitled "M'Liss" (My Western Miss).

Everyone enjoyed Mina Farrell as M'Liss, the barefooted western girl, who wasn't "eddicated." But M'Liss won the hand of the school teacher, Mr. Gray, played by Walt Greiner. Irvin Lownes was her father, George "Bummer" Smith, the lazy westerner who had hope of finding gold in one of his mines someday. The part of Mrs. Lena Moffits, the noisy, old woman, who owned the "Roarin Dog" Hotel, was played by Louise Robins. Mary Cyrus portrayed the role of her daughter, Clytee Moffit, who lost out in the triangle love affair. The sly city couple who planned the murder of "Bummer" in order to gain the fortune left to him was played by Doris J. Thompson, as Clara Hunting, and Ed Costello, as Carter Langdon. We will never forget Doris Dilks, as Bess Starlight, a dazzling actress who played havoc with the heart of Yuba Bill, Bill Berry, a comic cowboy. John Paravaty added to the western effect by playing his guitar. "Al" Durkee was extremely amusing as Judge McSnaggley who did everything "accord'n' to the statoots!"

And so another senior play goes down in the minds of the students as a great success.

Standing—Henning, Hrusovsky, Soppick, Miller, Murphy, Matzik, Burke.
Kneeling—Toth, Katrina, Mr. George Eyth, Sponsor.

Stage Crew

This outfit has been working hard all year. One of the main objectives of the organization is to do an individual job for the satisfaction of the group. Being responsible for the success of the efforts of others, as well as their own success, is a very important and unselfish way in which the stage crew cooperates. Everyone works together as the backbone for stage settings at every program. Take care to put the tools away carefully, boys; next year they'll be out of storage and ready for some more "bang up" productions on the Upper Merion stage.

Toth, Keehn, Knaphle, Gregos, Buddy, Smith.

Junior Play

One of the most original and enjoyable plays ever presented at Upper Merion was written and produced in February by the Junior Class.

The play, entitled "Love Triumphs" or, "Dirty Work Afoot on the New Turnpike," was a one-act comedy.

"Love Triumphs" was successfully produced through the combined efforts of Mrs. Marie M. Wolfskill and every junior student.

The plot was drawn up by Janet Knaphle and the remainder of the script was prepared by Alice Buehler and Pat Buddy.

The Junior Play has a denite purpose in giving experience to those who are interested in participating in the Senior Play next year.

Top Row—Raymond Ebbert, Ewanick, Evelyn, Gianguilio, Richard Ebbert.
Fourth Row—Douglass, Picarelli, Burke.
Third Row—Mezger, Dilks, Evelyn, Hildebrandt, Harmon, Keck.
Second Row—Stehman, Sr. High Aide; Ross, Kutz, Moser, McFadden, Young, Wynne, Evelyn, Burke, Estock, Ramsey, Mrs. Eleanor Zawoiski, Sponsor.
First Row—Brady, Harris, Ross, President; Burchill, Vice President; Markland, Treasurer; Byus, Secretary.
Seated—Moser, Barber, Hertzog, Beatty, Wolfrom, Yakscoe, Shoemaker, Mattiola, Ramsey, Dalasio, Buddy, Farrell.

Junior High Dramatic Club

Much of the dramatic training for Senior High productions now will be obtained from the Junior High Dramatic Club. This club's accomplishments have been many. Students have enjoyed three productions by the fine group.

Nine members received Dramatic Club honor keys for their excellent work throughout the year. Congratulations, keep up the good work!

The group had an "all-around" good time dancing at a special "Dramatic Club Night." They also went to West Point and Hyde Park with the Art Club.

We know that this club will continue to do a "swell job" of entertaining students as it grows and grows. "Hats off" to the Junior High Dramatic Club!

Third Row—Bader, Mainieri, Strickland.
Second Row—Mrs. Marie M. Wolfskill, Sponsor; Kovats, Smith, Hiscock, Farrell.
First Row—Robins, Moley, Davis, Cyrus, Rossi.
Absent—Thompson, Costello, Larkin, Greiner.

Senior Declamations

The Declamation Program is one activity which gives every student the chance to show any dramatic ability he might possess. It also helps to develop self-confidence in speaking before a group and aids seniors in training for commencement oratory.

This year there were more declamations than in any previous year. The group rehearsed for many hours to prepare an entertaining and varied program. Two types of readings were presented, dramatic and humorous.

As a class, we will always recall those delightful rehearsals with Mrs. Wolfskill at 3 P.M.

Standing—Maum, Gerhard, DiAmbrosia, Smith, M. Sutherland.
Seated—Blanken, Kovats, Miss Alice Reichelderfer, Sponsor; Greiner, D. Sutherland.

Assembly Committee

This newly organized group was formed in order to schedule weekly assemblies for students. Two people from each homeroom were elected to serve on the committee. They were very succssful in planning the schedule and, as a result, students have been able to see good assemblies given by homerooms and other organizations.

The Assembly Committee is another step in broadening the democratic system practiced at Upper Merion. Its success depends on every student and we know that, in the years to come, it will be one of the most important clubs ever developed.

Standing—E. Howland, Kuczman, Kulpa, A. Miller, Walkowiak, Althouse, Gianguilio, Burry, Anderson, J. Howland.

Seated—Barchock, A. Green, Collins, L. Green, Mitchell, Mrs. Grace Miller, Sponsor; Romig, Wood, Smith, Fox, Woodside, Mainieri.

Kneeling—Overholser, L. Miller, Angstadt, Palm, Durkee.

Typing Club

Those who wish to type, for personal use, have been fortunate to be able to get the proper training through the Typing Club. The time is spent entirely in typing, and each member's achievement is checked at the meetings.

The members of this club have achieved typing records that compare favorably with some of the first-year students in typewriting. Academic people have gained much by taking advantage of the extra course.

Activity Listings

BAND AND BAND COUNCIL

President ..... Daniel Mainieri
Vice-President ..... Mildred Mitchell
Secretary ..... Dolores Moley
Treasurer ..... Jane Howland
Sponsor ..... Mr. Laudenslager

SENIOR PANEL

President ..... Francis Murphy
Vice-President ..... Ronald Cairns
Secretary ..... Mary Jane Valyo
Sponsor ..... Mr. Yutz

JUNIOR PANEL

President ..... Thomas Hensley
Vice-President ..... Edmund Pires
Secretary ..... Carolyn Althouse
Sponsor ..... Mr. Brackin

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

President ..... Daniel Mainieri
Vice-President ..... Marian Sabol
Secretary ..... Peggy Markland
Treasurer ..... Edward Costello
Sponsor ..... Mrs. Miller

BOOSTER CLUB

President ..... Joan Fulton
Vice-President ..... Joan Wood
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Janet Knaphle
Co-Sponsors ..... Mr. Hensinger and Mr. Santoro

SENIOR CHORUS AND JUNIOR GLEE CLUB

Sponsor ..... Mrs. Dietrich

SENIOR LIBRARY

President ..... Anna Jakielaszek
Vice-President ..... Marjorie Sutherland
Secretary ..... Norma Jane Rowden
Sponsor ..... Mrs. Krysa

JUNIOR LIBRARY

President ..... Jeanne Young
Vice-President ..... Ruth Strausser
Secretary ..... Shirley Miller
Treasurer ..... Mary Shea
Sponsor ..... Mrs. Krysa

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Assistant Editor ..... Joan Wood
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News ..... Peggy Carpenter
Sports ..... Florence Williams
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Copy Reader ..... Marjorie Sutherland
Photography ..... Bob Anselm
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ART CLUB

President ..... Jeanne Young
Vice-President ..... Shirley Miller
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Barbara Perkins
Sponsor ..... Mr. Young

SENIOR PLAY, JUNIOR PLAY AND DECLAMATION GROUP

Sponsor ..... Mrs. Wolfskill

TYPING CLUB

Sponsor ..... Mrs. Miller

RIFLE CLUB

Sponsor ..... Mr. Santoro

SPORTS . . .

Athletics in Upper Merion . . .

Our Senior High School has been a member of the Philadelphia Suburban High School Athletic Association for the past fifteen years. Originally there were five sections consisting of about seven schools each. Later, Section Six was formed consisting of Bridgeport, Conshohocken, North Coventry, Spring City and Upper Merion.

Because several schools dropped out of Section Six, it became necessary for our school to align itself, for athletic competition, with schools in another section. Consequently, Upper Merion was placed in Section Two, composed of Collingdale, Darby, Lansdowne, Media, Radnor, and Yeadon.

Upper Merion teams will face stiff opposition in the new set-up because, as seen by the chart, every member school in Section Two has a larger school enrollment than Upper Merion.

Section Two

1947-8 Enrollment

Junior-Senior High Schools

Lansdowne	853
Media	745
Radnor	667
Darby	600
Yeadon	576
Collingdale	553
Upper Merion	406

Upper Merion Junior High School has been a member of the Philadelphia Suburban Junior High School Athletic Association for a number of years. Faculty representatives take care of routine business at meetings held twice a year. Unlike the senior organization, the junior high school is free to schedule teams at will. Nineteen member schools in the suburban area are doing a good job of promoting better athletic relations between these institutions.

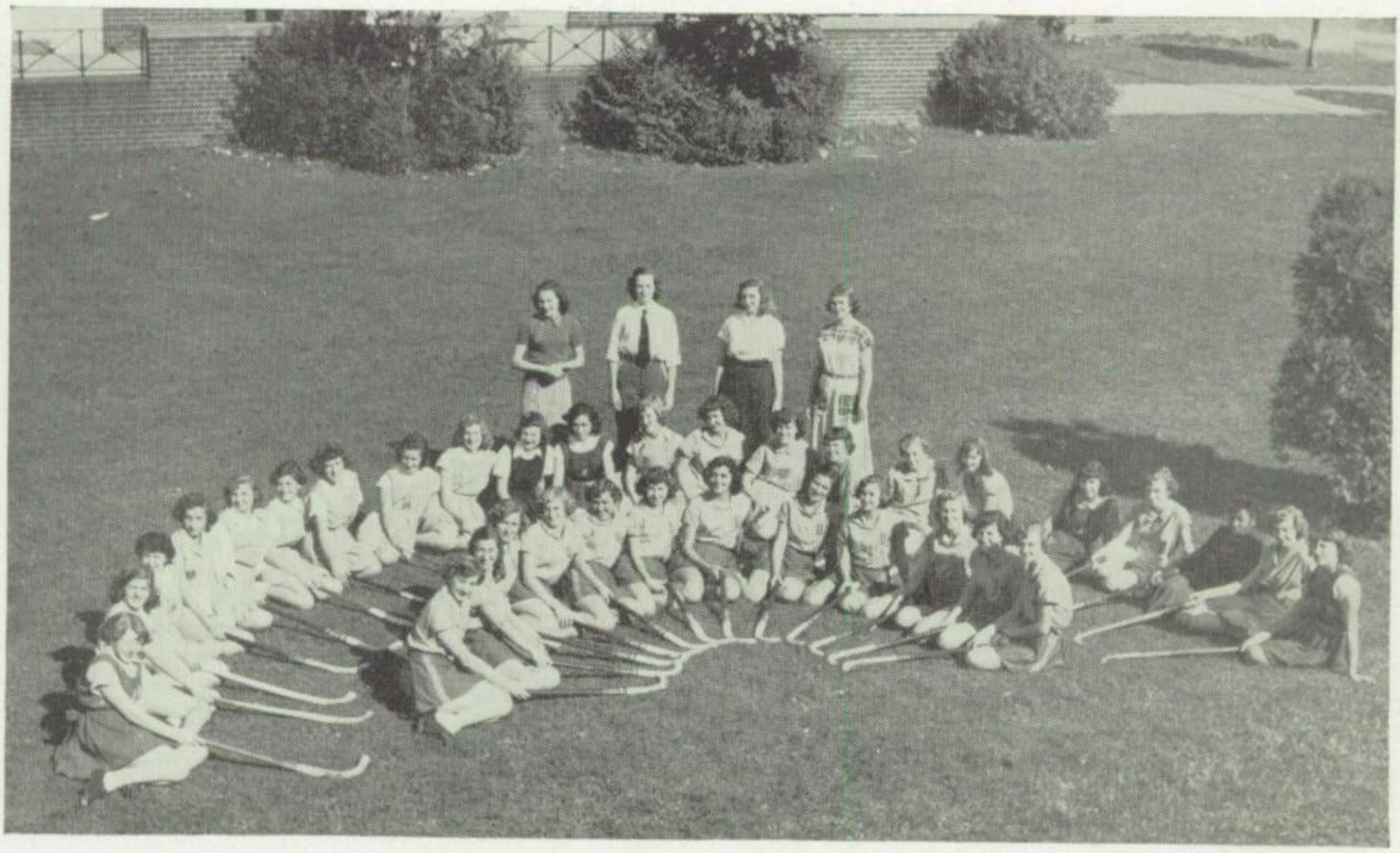
Standing—Mr. George Santoro, Assistant Coach; Sedor, Toth, Scheetz, Picarelli, McKernan, Grabowski, Palm, Malloy, H. Teaford, T. Teaford, Brownlie, Mr. Thomas Campion, Head Coach.
Seated—Alex Scott, Arthur Scott, Ramsey, Knoebel, Dudas, Roberto, Matzik, Murphy, Wynn, Stehman, Rex.
Kneeling—Rossi, Cabe, Angstadt, Sutherland.

Senior High Football

Our football team gave its spectators many thrills as the boys took many spills during the nine game season this year. They had some tough luck and didn't gain too many victories, but tied those all-important games with Conshohocken and Bridgeport. No one who saw the game with Bridgeport will ever forget that spectacular touchdown in the first few seconds of the game.

COACH CAMPION

We can look forward to seeing an up-and-coming team next year, since many of the boys who have experience are from this season's sophomore class. Also to be added is a very prospective group from the junior high school.



Standing—Sue Davis, Shine, Markland, Smith.

Second Row—Woodside, Mainieri, Burry, Dudas, Sally Davis, Wallick, Althouse, Kontra, Arnold, Miller, McDermott, Mitchell, Ferenz, Romano, Howland, Angelos, Stone, Rita Rossi, Watters, Long, Richardson, Brady.

First Row—Buehler, P. Rossi, Wolfe, Sabol, Bengen, Rex, Moley, Buddy, Knaphle, Williams, Rose Rossi, Strunack.

Girls' Hockey Team

The Girls' Varsity team, under the fine coaching of Miss Marjorie Bizilia, had an UNDEFEATED SEASON, the first in the history of the school. They won eight straight games. Of the eighteen goals scored, "Dolly" Moley was high scorer with nine.

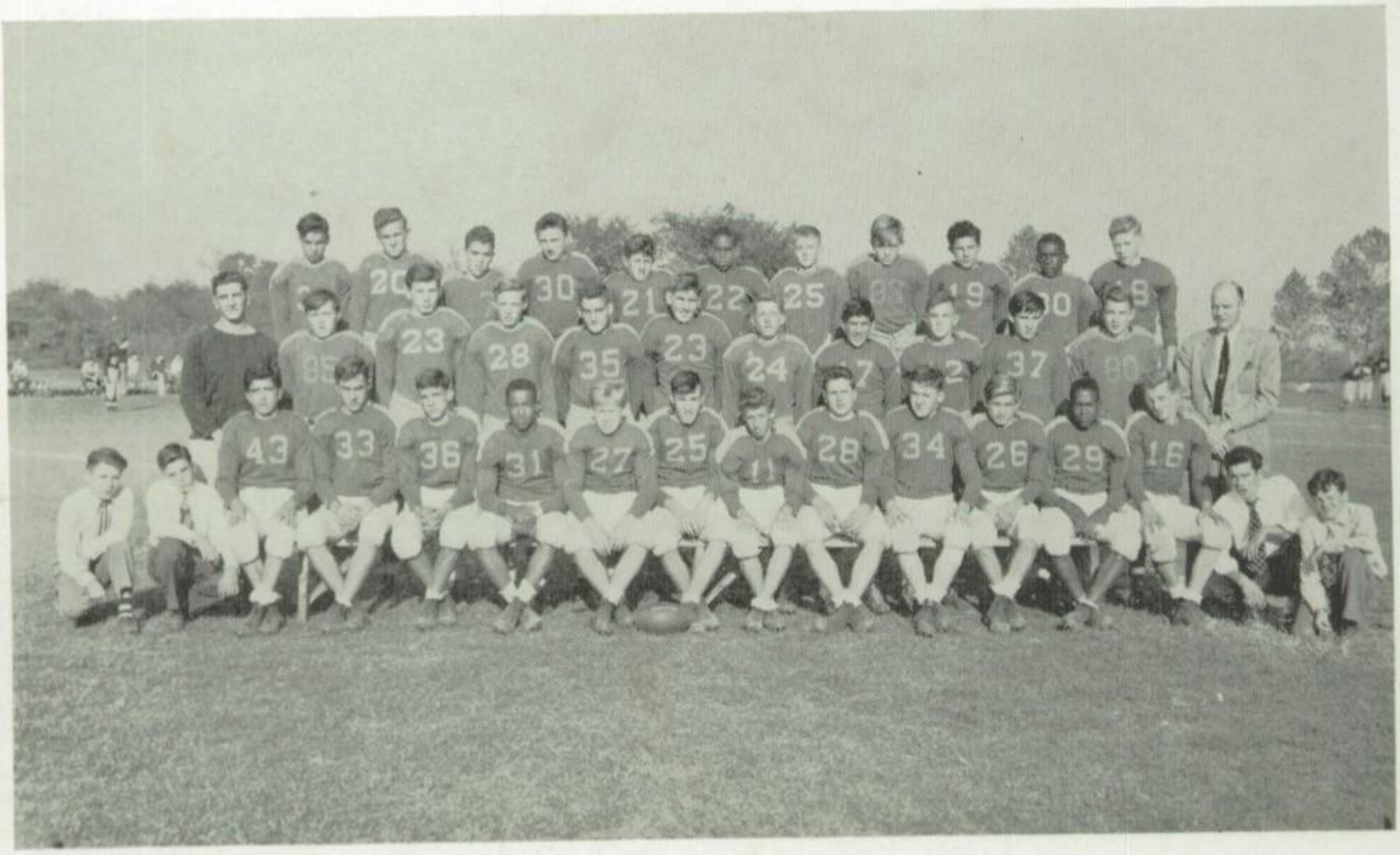
Lots of credit goes to Virginia Shore, also, who was scored upon only four times during the season.

The members of the Varsity team were: Lee Bengen, Right Wing; Elaine Rex, Right Inner; Dolly Moley, Center Forward; Pat Buddy, Left Inner; Jane Knaphle, Left Wing; Emma Jean Wolfe, Righ Halfback; Marion Sabol, Center Halfback; Sis Williams, Left Halfback; Pat Rossi, Right Halfback; Rose Rossi, Left Halfback; Virginia Shore, Goalie.

Varsity substitutes were: Helen Dudas, Joan Fulton, Alice Buehler, Peggy Ferenz, Anne Althouse, Frieda Angelos, and Betty Strunack.

The Junior Varsity team also had a good record with six wins and two defeats. Peg Markland was Manager, Pat Shine, Timer, and Ethel Smith, Scorer.

COACH BIZILIA



Top Row—White, Oscapinski, Farrell, Smisko, Kontra, Scott, Dilworth, R. Hertzog, C. Basile, Anderson, Nippes.

Second Row—Mr. Martella, Ashton, Mullen, Burkert, Evanels, Nadwoduy, Cole, Rogiani, Devore, J. Hertzog, Keck, Mr. Young.

Front Row—Wolfrom, Manager; Hanson, Manager; Moley, Petrecz, Silcox, Hill, Emel, Hensley, Kutz, Hendren, Beech, King, Clarke, Helinski, A. Basile, Manager; Branca, Manager.

Junior High Football

Our Junior High School boys proved themselves quite talented in sports this year. Their fight and pep on the football field kept us rooting for them throughout the season. Despite a few bad breaks, they came through with a memorable season. Technically speaking, this team lost only one game; this was to Downingtown. With quite a few players moving into senior high school, there will be plenty of room for promotions. Good luck and "hats off" to a swell bunch of athletes.

Back Row—F. Branca, N. Hanson, Merrill C. Young, Assistant Coach; Mr. Orient Martella, Coach; F. Wolfrom, A. Basile.

Second Row—V. Dayoc, D. Scott, W. Graburn, R. Dilworth, J. Mattiola, S. Markoski, J. Wynn, S Dudas, N. Varian, H. Clark.

Front Row—R. Dalasio, D. McGeorge, N. Ramsey, A. DeGidio, T. Richardson, M. Kontra, J. Kontra, C. Basile, A. Polarine, D. Hensinger, O. Anderson.

100 Pound Football Team

Another first in Upper Merion! These youngsters were the most peppy group of "footballers" that we had seen for a long time. Not too heavy, not too tall, but my how those "little men" traveled! A big hand to those "one hundred pounders" for a good showing. Let's have another team next year.

"Arch" Scott, Knoebel, Ramsey, Toth, Malloy, Novitski, Murphy, Dolga, Teaford, Roberto, G. Matzik, Rex, Wynn, Emel, J. Matzik, "Art" Scott, Stehman, Dudas, Henning.

Boys' Varsity Club

Senior essays on graveyards had nothing on the Varsity Club and their doings! Just ask one of the boys about initiation night and the graveyard assignments given to new members. What a time thcse fellows had!

The club has had informal meetings every Wednesday. Members must participate in at least one sport. As has been the custom in the last three years, senior members received Varsity Club sweaters. The club also paid for trips to some basketball games. We hope that this organization will grow and grow, and that next year students will have the pleasure of witnessing another star performance of good old Varsity Club entertainment.

Third "V"—Wolfe, Nippes, Keil, Davis, Williams, Pat Rossi, Sabol.
Second "V"—Ferenz, Shine, Buehler, Moley, Watters, Romano, Woodside, Bengen, Knaphle, Kontra, McDermott, Miller, Richardson, Althouse, Arnold, Dudas.
First "V"—Mitchell, Fulton, Markland, Shore, President; Stone, Lukens, Rita Rossi, Angelos, Rex, Howland, Carpenter, Wallick, Strunack, McHale, Burry, Rose Rossi.

Girls' Varsity Club

The Girls' Varsity Club, under the sponsorship of Miss Bizilia, did a swell job in raising money to buy jackets for the four senior members.

This club has had informal meetings throughout the year. During the Christmas holidays the girls enjoyed a swim at the Y. W. C. A. After hockey season they had a get-together at the home of Peg Markland, their hockey manager. Everyone had a fun-packed evening celebrating that great *undefeated, untied,* hockey season!

Second Row—Novitski, Manager; Malloy, Dudas, Cairns, Perkins, Stanley, Scott.
First Row—Coach Thomas A. Campion, Collins, Knasiak, Murphy, Ramsey.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

What a team! We're very proud of our boys' great accomplishment in basketball. They have gained many victories, including the Section Six Championship when they topped Spring City in the playoff game. Their next step was to beat Lower Moreland, Tri-County "Champs." Upper Moreland, Bux-Mont "Champs," was the next victim. A happy crowd returned to tell the tale of a 30-29 victory. The boys then moved to the Palestra, University of Pennsylvania, to play Sharon Hill in the District I final, but lost the game.

For the first time in the history of the school, our great Upper Merion team played for the District I crown. They deserve a lot of credit not only for their achievement in winning so many games, but also for the time spent in long, hard practice, and the teamwork shown throughout the season.

Lots of Luck to Mr. "Tom" Campion, an inspiring coach, and all of the boys on the Varsity Basketball Team!

Second Row—Moley, Rossi, Buehler, Fulton, Dudas, Sabol, Wolfe, McHale, Miss Marjorie Bizilia, Coach.
First Row—Williams, Shore, Captain; Romano.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

This year the Girls' Basketball Team, under the supervision of Miss Marjorie Bizilia, had a successful season. Spirit and teamwork led the girls to seven victories and only two defeats, Berwyn and Phoenixville.

No one captain was elected for the entire season; however, at each game there was an honorary captain who played a good game in leading the team to a victory.

Losing only three seniors, we are sure that next year's team will be undefeated.

With the help of the underclassmen, these three girls completed their last successful season of basketball: Joan Fulton, Dolly Mcley and Virginia Shore.

Left to Right—Knoebel, McKernan, Sedor, Matzik, Titus, Angstadt, Cabe, Lilick, Rex, Weldie, Baker, DiCamillo, Graburn, Manager.

Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball

Our Junior Varsity Basketball Team also had a very good season and the boys show lots of promise for next year. The team's ability and fight this year resulted in a tie for first place in the Section Six League with Spring City and Conshohocken.

Several members of the team were promoted to the varsity squad during the season. Since the team consisted entirely of sophomores, we can look forward to having a well-experienced group of boys who will go places in the future. Best Wishes for success in Section Two next season, boys.

Standing—Strunack, Woodside, Brady, Long, Wolfrom, Stone, Arnold, Keil, Nippes, Miss Marjorie Bizilia, Coach.
Front Row—Knaphle, Mainieri, Ferenz, Rex.

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball

The Girls' Junior Varsity basketball team also had a successful season. Five wins and three defeats is a good record in any team's book. They had a lot of spirit and pep which led them to their victories.

Here's hoping you'll have a successful team next year, girls!

Top Row—Ramsey, H. Clarke, Branca J. Kontra, Lilick.
Fifth Row—Hanson, Davis, Moser, R. Hertzog, Anderson, Dudas, Brownlie, Manager.
Fourth Row—Wolfe, Moley, Smisko, Hendren, Pires, Scott, C. Basile.
Third Row—Mr. Orient Martella, Coach; Cole, Slough, King, Mullen, J. Hertzog, Emel, White.
Second Row—A. Basile, Manager; Hill, Petrecz, Kutz, E. Clarke, Hensley, Gianguilio, Manager.
First Row—Ashton, Nippes, M. Kontra, Buddy.

Junior High Boys' Basketball

Junior high sports have come a long way this year, and the basketball team has contributed a great deal toward this advancement. We are a member school of the Philadelphia Suburban Junior High School Athletic Association and, of the other schools in this association that we played, we defeated all but one, Pottstown.

The team entered a tournament sponsored by a Delaware County club. The first game resulted in a victory over Sharon Hill, but Collingdale stopped the boys in the second game. Nine wins and two defeats is a swell record boys. Nice going!

With the entire starting line-up moving into senior high school, there will be plenty of opportunity for able underclassmen to fill the vacant berths.

Coach: Mr. N. E. Raub.
Dudas, Palm, Ramsey, Matzik, Gergel, Lilick.

Golf

The golf team is made up of 1 senior, 1 junior, 3 sophomores, 3 freshmen. The outlook for this year is fair with possibilities of a very good team next year.

Ernest Toth	Senior
Joseph Dudas	Junior
John Matzik	Sophomore
Donald Lilick	Sophomore
Albert Palm	Sophomore
George Evanek	Freshman
John Gergle	Freshman
Peter Rogiana	Freshman

The golf team plays in a new league this year. The schools are Cheltenham, Abington, Lower Merion, and Haverford. Non-league matches have also been scheduled with Pottstown, Berwyn and Phoenixville.

Standing—Cabe, Collins, Malloy, Ramsey, Cairns, Scott, Estock, Clarke, Berry, Paravaty, Hill, Teaford, Kutz, Rex, Petrecz, Mr. George J. Santoro, Head Coach.
Kneeling—McKernan, Knasiak, Angstadt, Murphy, Stanley, Titus, Roberto, Toth, DiAmbrosia, Manager.

Baseball

America's favorite sport—the game played on every vacant lot—yes, we at Upper Merion are happy to participate in this athletic activity. Our team, coached by Mr. George J. Santoro, assisted by Mr. Michael Abboud, is progressing very well in this present season.

The dream of every school boy is to become an efficient, heavy-hitting player—then, a chance to make big-time in the Major Leagues. Good Luck, Fellows! Keep up the good work! Hit hard! Play fairly!

Standing (Senior High)—Davis, Rossi, Wolfe, Williams, Captain; Sabol, Nippes, Keil
Seated (Junior High)—Stone, Watters, Picarelli, Markland, Estock, Florig.

Cheerleaders

The peppy Spartan cheerleaders have led our athletic teams to one of the best years in the history of the school. Our cheerleaders, both junior and senior high school, are chosen by the student body. During the past year these spirited girls have proven themselves priceless in their ability to cheer the teams on to victory. "Sis" Williams, Captain of Senior High, was very faithful and efficient. We can look forward to these same girls leading our cheers next year; all are underclassmen.

The Junior High Girls had a different captain for each game. This was a very good idea because it gave each girl the opportunity of leading the group. Let's turn the tables and give this fine bunch of girls a "great big cheer"!

SCORE SHEET

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL

U. M. Jr. High	25	Berwyn	21
U. M. Jr. High	18	Radnor	25
U. M. Jr. High	30	Bridgeport	23
U. M. Jr. High	23	Conshohocken	21
U. M. Jr. High	23	Berwyn	14
U. M. Jr. High	26	Downingtown	24
U. M. Jr. High	28	Pottstown	52
U. M. Jr. High	26	Conshohocken	23
U. M. Jr. High	32	Sharon Hill	22
U. M. Jr. High	32	Bridgeport	21
U. M. Jr. High	12	Collingdale	34

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Upper Merion	31	Tredyffrin East-town	27
Upper Merion	44	Haverford School	63
Upper Merion	40	Mt. Pleasant	31
Upper Merion	55	North Wales	34
Upper Merion	60	Lansdale	58
Upper Merion	28	Ridley Township	47
Upper Merion	35	Berwyn	38
Upper Merion	53	Mt. Pleasant	40
Upper Merion	42	Conshohocken	30
Upper Merion	51	St. Matthews	47
Upper Merion	34	Bristol	48
Upper Merion	40	Radnor	43
Upper Merion	44	Bridgeport	26
Upper Merion	66	Spring City	40
Upper Merion	53	Berwyn	50
Upper Merion	35	Conshohocken	30
Upper Merion	45	St. Matthews	58
Upper Merion	43	Bridgeport	38
Upper Merion	31	Spring City	42
Upper Merion	27	Bristol	63

Playoff Games

Upper Merion	43	Spring City	35
Upper Merion	42	Lower Moreland	29
Upper Merion	30	Upper Moreland	29
Upper Merion	40	Sharon Hill	56

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Upper Merion	42	Pottstown	21
Upper Merion	52	Bridgeport	28
Upper Merion	23	Ambler	22
Upper Merion	26	Conshohocken	15
Upper Merion	48	Spring City	10
Upper Merion	36	Phoenixville	43
Upper Merion	43	Bridgeport	33

GIRLS' J. V. BASKETBALL

Upper Merion	33	Pottstown	29
Upper Merion	33	Bridgeport	18
Upper Merion	13	Ambler	15
Upper Merion	8	Conshohocken	26
Upper Merion	22	Berwyn	12
Upper Merion	15	Spring City	18
Upper Merion	17	Phoenixville	39
Upper Merion	18	Bridgeport	15

BOYS' J. V. BASKETBALL

Upper Merion	22	Tredyffrin Etast-town	27
Upper Merion	27	Haverford	29
Upper Merion	20	Mt. Pleasant	15
Upper Merion	38	North Wales	22
Upper Merion	31	Lansdale	20
Upper Merion	29	Mt. Pleasant	17
Upper Merion	26	Conshohocken	14
Upper Merion	29	St. Matthews	32
Upper Merion	21	Bristol	18
Upper Merion	19	Radnor	16
Upper Merion	20	Bridgeport	12
Upper Merion	28	Spring City	21
Upper Merion	27	Berwyn	28
Upper Merion	23	Conshohocken	27
Upper Merion	19	St. Matthews	24
Upper Merion	14	Bridgeport	19
Upper Merion	24	Spring City	13
Upper Merion	30	Bristol	46

SCORE SHEET

VARSITY HOCKEY

Upper Merion....	1	Ambler	0
Upper Merion....	2	Spring City	1
Upper Merion....	1	Berwyn	0
Upper Merion....	3	Marple Newtown..	1
Upper Merion....	3	Norristown	1
Upper Merion....	6	Pottstown	0
Upper Merion....	2	Bridgeport	1

J. V. HOCKEY

Upper Merion....	1	Ambler	0
Upper Merion....	3	Spring City	0
Upper Merion....	1	Berwyn	3
Upper Merion....	2	Marple Newtown..	0
Upper Merion....	1	Norristown	0
Upper Merion....	3	Pottstown	0
Upper Merion....	5	Bridgeport	0

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Upper Merion....	14	Berwyn	7
Upper Merion....	12	Bridgeport	0
Upper Merion....	19	Phoenixville	0
Upper Merion....	13	Downingtown	19
Upper Merion....	6	Conshohocken	0
Upper Merion....	13	Ambler	0

SENIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Upper Merion....	0	Ambler	12
Upper Merion....	0	Pottstown	14
Upper Merion....	13	Downingtown	27
Upper Merion....	6	Spring City	25
Upper Merion....	7	Berwyn	12
Upper Merion....	14	Conshohocken	14
Upper Merion....	7	Bridgeport	7
Upper Merion....	0	Radnor	25
Upper Merion....	13	Mt. Pleasant	6

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

1950

BASEBALL

April 4—Spring City
April 11—Conshohocken
April 12—Berwyn
April 17—Media
April 20—Yeadon
April 24—Lansdowne
April 27—Radnor
May 1—Darby
May 4—Collingdale
May 11—Media
May 15—Yeadon
May 18—Lansdowne
May 22—Radnor
May 25—Darby
May 29—Collingdale

GOLF

April 24—Phoenixville
April 28—Lower Merion
May 2—Berwyn
May 5—Cheltenham
May 8—Abington
May 12—Haverford
May 15—Lower Merion
May 17—Phoenixville
May 19—Berwyn
May 22—Cheltenham
May 26—Abington
May 29—Haverford

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As We Leave . . .

Our Alma Mater, our teachers, and our friends will soon fade into the past. Yes, we are leaving the halls of Upper Merion to enter a new and different field, a field of personal endeaver to become, we hope, co-operative, self-reliant, happy, and independent citizens of society.

But this new phase of life will never cause us to forget our school life. Here we have developed mentally and socially to become what we are today. What we have learned will carry us through in any career which we may choose. We are just beginning to realize how much our studies will mean to us in different fields of work. We also realize how dependent we were upon our teachers to guide us through the past years at Upper Merion.

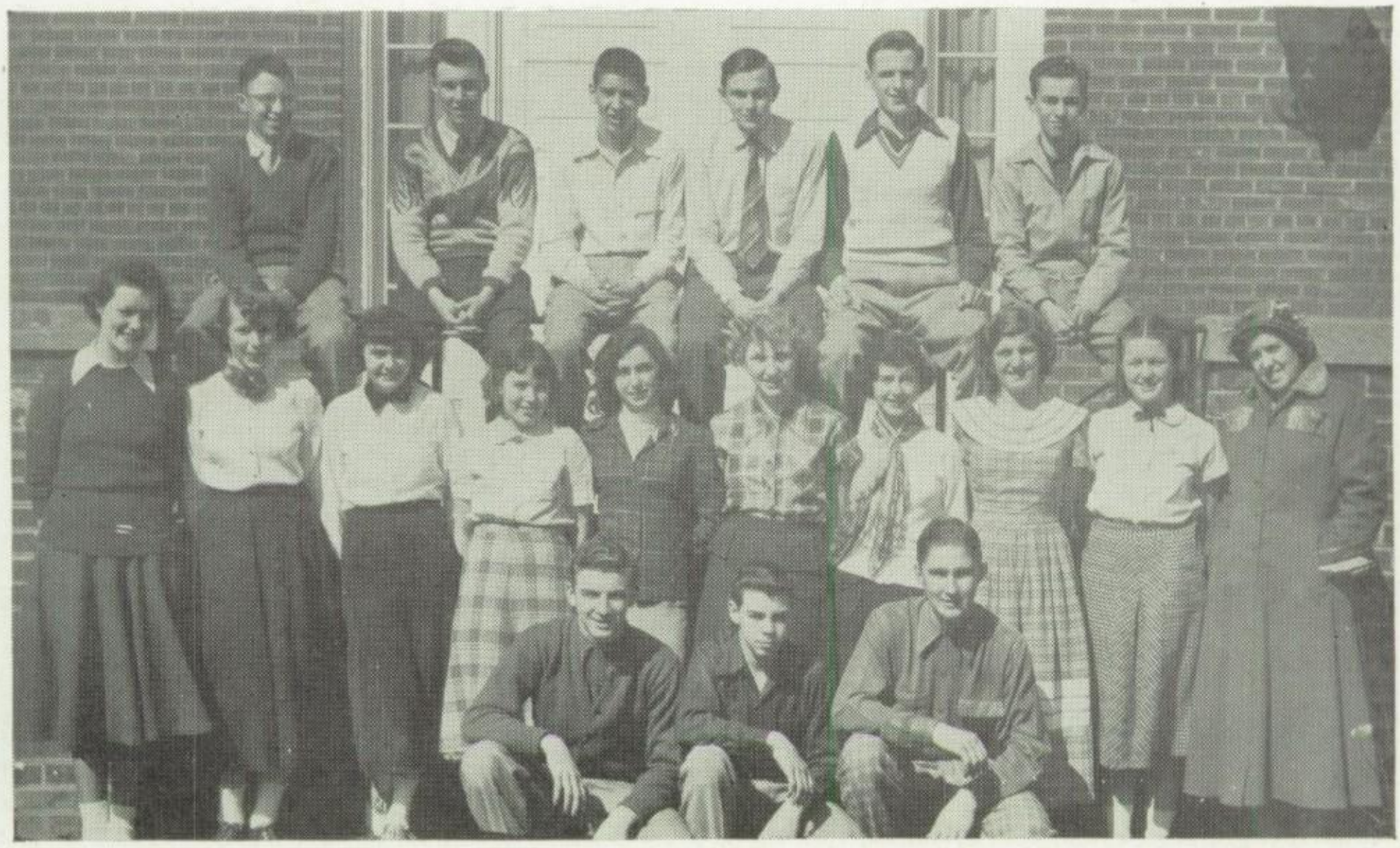
As we leave, we wish every underclassman the "Best of Luck" in everything he undertakes. Class cooperation is very important in a school career, and we feel certain that each and every class will be one of which to be proud. We also want to wish our future sports teams success and hope that they will continue to be the "champs" that they now are. And last, but not least, we wish to thank our teachers. We are very grateful to them for all they have done for us and look upon them not only as teachers, but also as sincere friends who have tried their best to help us in every possible way. We now say "good-bye" to everyone who has made our school years some of the best years of our lives.

Top Row—Mr. Earl S. Fries, Sponsor; Costello, Berry, Cairns.
Bottom Row—Knaphle, Buehler, Shine, Thompson, Robins, President; Bader, Hiscock, Moley, Smith.

National Senior Honor Society

The greatest honor which Upper Merion can bestow on a student is to vote him a member of the National Senior Honor Society of Secondary Schools. Members are inducted at a special assembly which is very impressive. Membership is based on the qualities of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Juniors and Seniors are eligible. They are chosen by an Honor Society Committee consisting of one student from each of the grades, nine to twelve, and the administration. At induction ceremonies the new members receive certificates of membership and Honor Society pins. These pins are flaming gold torches set on keystones.

We congratulate all those who were elected to belong to the greatest organization of any school in the United States of America.

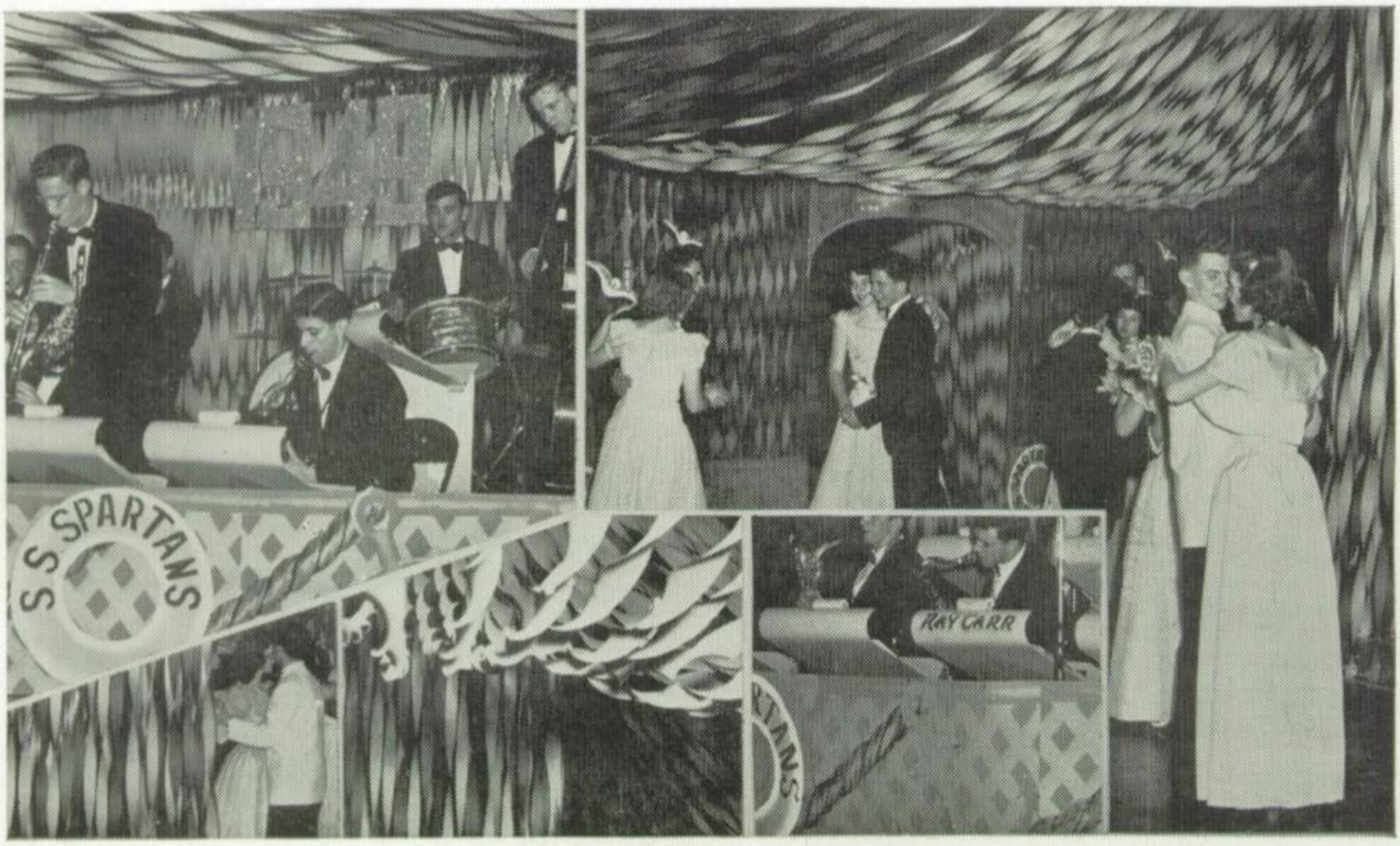


Top Row—Allen, Hensley, Cabe, DeVore, Sedor, Slough.
Bottom Row—Supplee, C. Althouse, Keil, E. Howland, McDermott, Nippes, Wallick, Mainieri, Sutherland, Miss Cottingham, Sponsor.
Kneeling—Angstadt, Gerhard, Palm.

Junior High Honor Society

The select group of Junior High School honor students has become a little larger this year, with the addition of several new members from the eighth and ninth grades. Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship form the criteria for election to this society.

We are proud of our National Junior Honor Society members; we wish even greater success to the future classes of Upper Merion. Miss Aileen C. Cottingham is the faculty sponsor of this group.



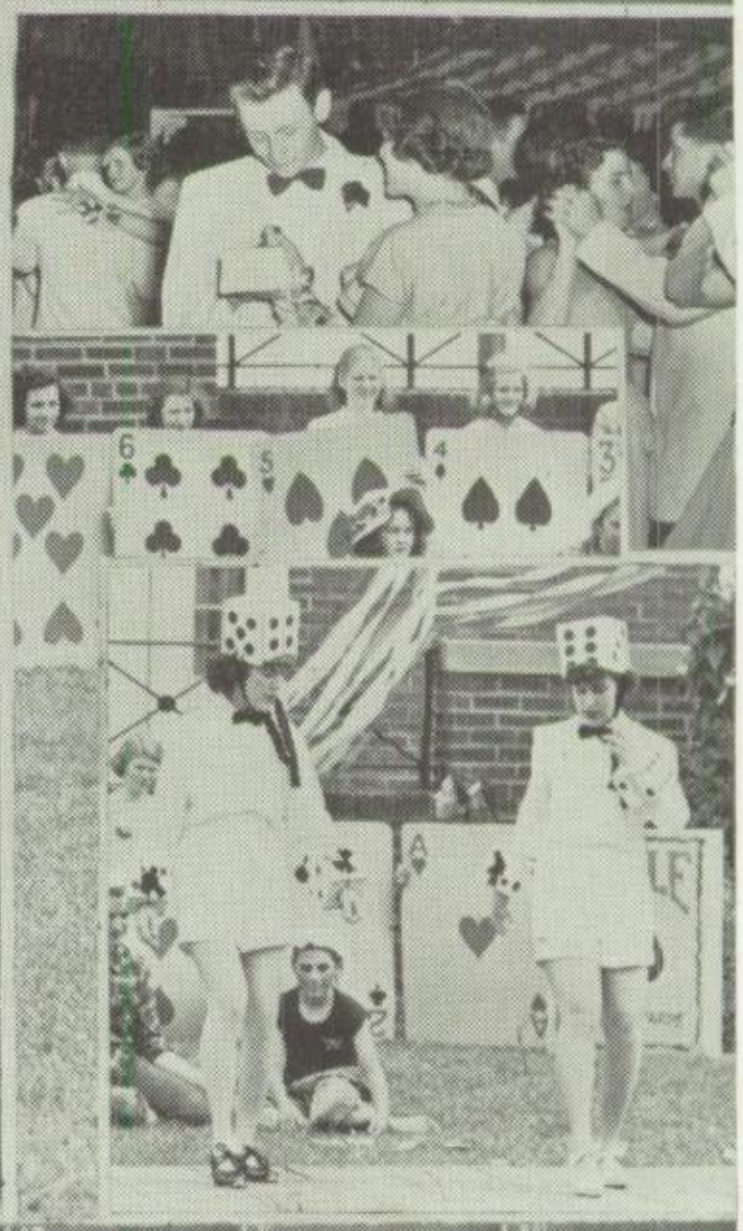
Junior-Senior Prom 1949

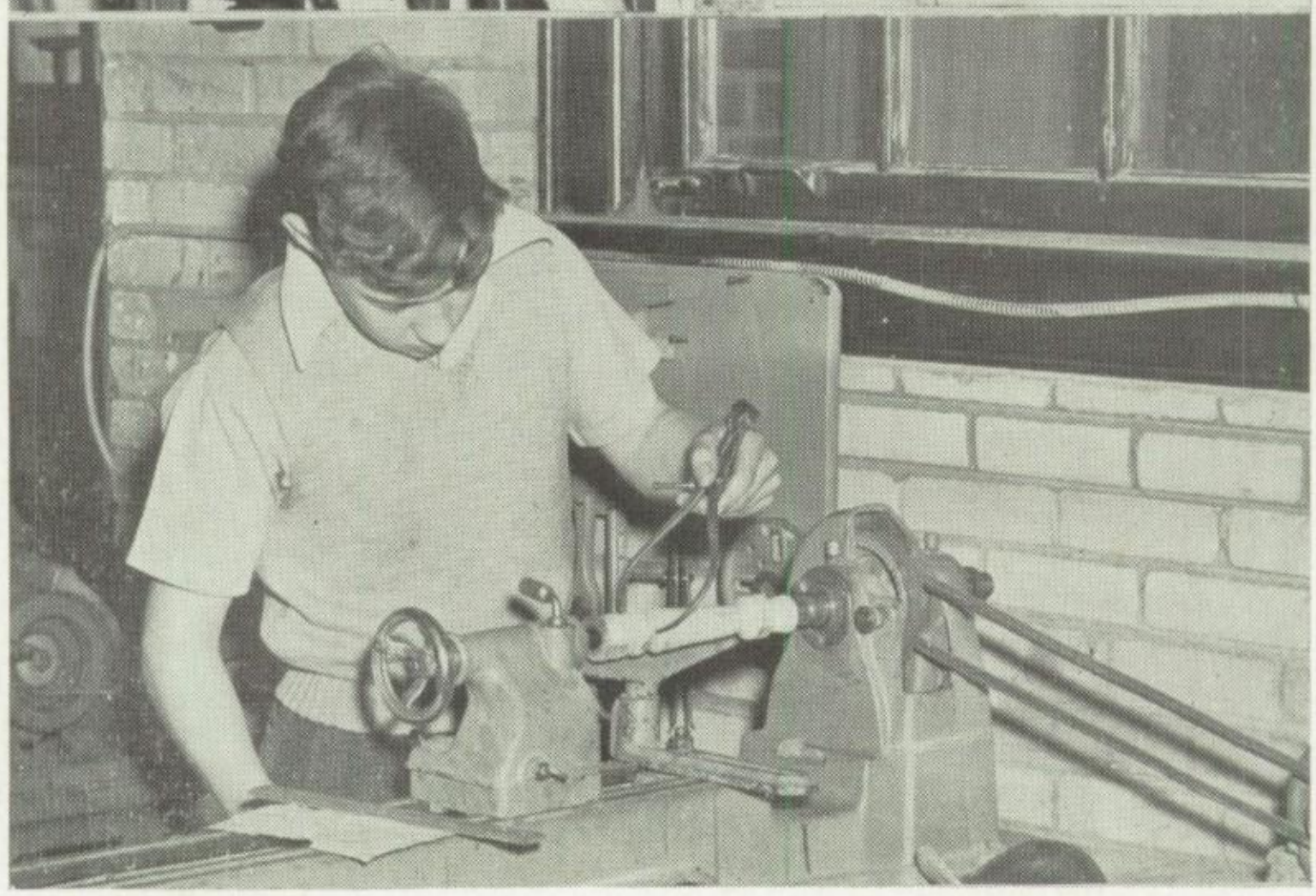
The moon and a beautiful girl, what more could a fellow want? The lucky juniors and seniors who went on an imaginary moonlight cruise, danced to the music of Ray Carr and his orchestra. The decorations were beautifully designed and constructed by the juniors as the result of months of preparation. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strine, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baehr and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campion. Each passing year makes the Prom an even more important and popular part of Upper Merion. We hope that future Proms will be as successful as the Prom of '49.

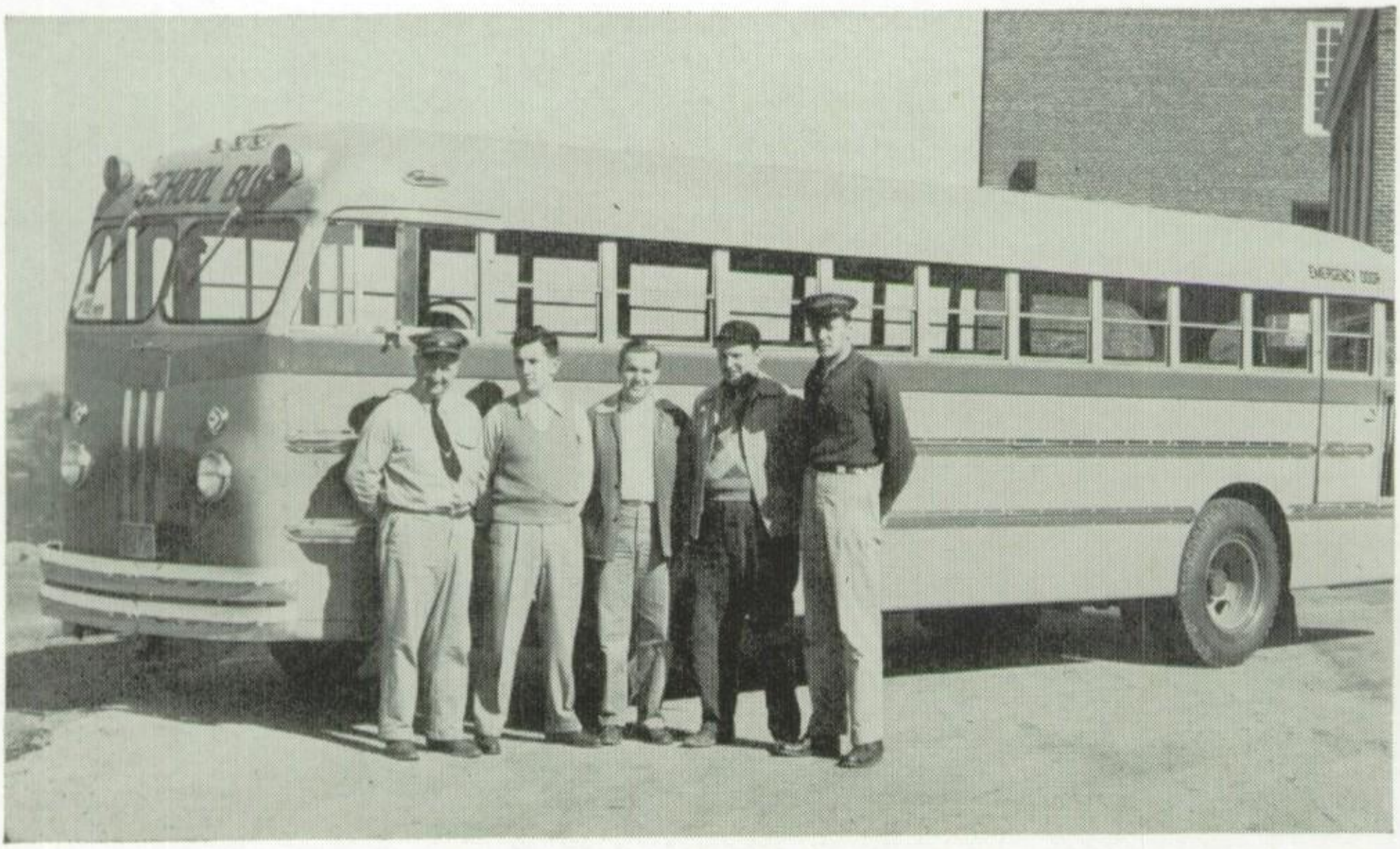
Junior-Senior Prom 1950

April 28 was the biggest evening of the year for Upper Merionites. It was "Prom Time" and the gym was transformed into a beautiful garden, surrounded by a white picket fence. Horace Clyde and his orchestra supplied the music as gay couples, dressed in all their finery, danced to the familiar melodies.

Receiving guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Strine, Dr. Warren H. Cocklin and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin S. Wolcott.. The decorations were some of the most attractive ever seen at Upper Merion. Not only was the gym attractively decorated, but also the refreshment room. We, the seniors, wish to thank the junior class for a wonderful prom, and we hope that, in the coming years, other seniors will experience just as nice a dance in their honor.







Larkin, Taylor, Forth, Romig, Henschel.

Bus Service

The transportation provided for the student body, by the Upper Merion Township Board of Education, ranks second to none in the state.

The Upper Merion Contract, Carrier, Inc., has a fleet of five excellent buses to care for all school transportation needs. Its drivers are very cooperative in every respect; their safety is one of which their employers, Luther Evelyn and Oliver Hendren, may well feel proud.

We Seniors wish to express our thanks for a job well done.

Class Will

We, the Class of 1950, being of questionable mind and stingy heart do therefore make and publish this to be our Last Will and Testament. This to be carried out in the following manner:

SARAH ALTHOUSE wills her "laugh" to her sister, Joan, who has already had much practice in using this talent. Use it moderately, Joan!

"DOT" ANDERSON, who cheered her way through most of her years in Upper Merion, leaves this ability to "Sis" Williams. Make good use of it, "Sis"!

To "Sue" Davis, IRENE ANDREYKO passes on her ability to get along with everyone.

"SUE" BADER bestows all of her easy ways upon the up-and-coming Merionites.

"BILL" BERRY's taxi service came in mighty handy to all the seniors; he leaves it to "Bill" Wynn. In case your car breaks down, "Bill," Berrys always have an extra Buick around.

ISAAC BURKE couldn't afford to leave his perfect manners, but we sincerely wish that all of the other U. M. fellows would follow his example.

MILTON CLARK leaves the milk cases in the cafeteria to anyone who thinks they're strong enough to throw them around.

CLAUDE COLLINS wills a pair of his size 13's to "Tom" Smith. They'll last a long time, "Tom," because you will need one shoe at a time.

"EDDIE" COLLINS bequeaths his horn to Elise Howland. If you practice hard Elise, you might be invited to Valley Forge General Hospital.

"ED" COSTELLO leaves his knack for getting broken fingers to anyone who wants to hit a tree. "Ed" tells us there are some good ones on County Line Road.

MARY CYRUS leaves her wavy hair to "Joe," Leroy, and "Tom." Or would you rather just have hair, kids?

The shorty of our class, DORIS DAVIS, wills her smallness of stature to "Bob" Perkins. Maybe you two can compromise!

ROSE DAYOC wills her way with the sailors to any Junior girl that might need a date when she is in Washington. It proved mighty helpful to us, girls.

DORIS DILKS leaves her talent for going steady to "Peggy" Carpenter, who is already doing a fine job of it.

"AL" DURKEE has a yen for traveling. He leaves this yen to Wasson Scheetz. Don't go too far, Wasson.

"JACK" ESTOCK has agreed to leave his "corny" jokes and more jokes to "Archie" Scott. Not too many at one time please!!

Class Will

LORETTA ESTOCK wills her "drag" with Mrs. Miller to Marian Sabol. Keep this up, Marian, and maybe some day you'll be a secretary.

To Joan Wood, MINA FARRELL leaves her drag with Mr. Hensinger.

JOAN FULTON leaves her position as guard on the basketball team to Alice Buehler. That's a big order to fill, Alice!

"WALT" GREINER wishes to leave his way with teachers and his late work habits to Jane Howland. Maybe Jane can straighten them out.

Did you hear that noise? Yes, "SMITTY" HENNING just passed by. Leo leaves his noise to "Alex" Scott, who has the situation well in hand.

The girl with the brains, "CATHY" HISCOCK, leaves some of her knowledge to Ronald Rex.

"JOE" HRUSOVSKY, the quiet member of our class, leaves this talent to "Joe" Dudas. Make good use of it, "Joe"!

ANN JAKIELASZEK is a whiz at library work. This trait she bestows upon Louise Rice.

MARTIN JEFFERS leaves his habit of cutting classes to any underclassmen who wish to get into trouble.

JOHN KATRINA leaves his ability to understand the works of Dickens to the Juniors. You'll need it, kids!

From one Ann to another. "ANN" KOVATS bestows her lovely complexion upon "Ann" Romano.

ELEANOR KURYLO wishes to will her beautiful blue eyes to "Lee" Bengen. They can be a great asset if used correctly, "Lee."

JOHN LARKIN regrets that he has to leave his classes with all the commercial girls. But he leaves this warning, commercial fellows! Watch your step!

IRVIN LOWNES wills his ability to do Chemistry to next year's seniors. Please kids, no explosions!

LEOCADIA MACIEJEWSKI wills her hearty chuckle to Barbara Dilks.

"DAN" MAINIERI leaves his favorite spot by the lab door to Irene and "Reds." Dolores, you can stop by now and then to see if everything is all right.

To Gail Wallick, THERESA MILICE wills her dancing feet. Don't let them run away with you, Gail.

"PEGGY" MARKLAND is always doing some work for the class. She leaves this good quality to "Margie" Sutherland who, we are sure, will continue the good work.

Our powerhouse on the football team, GEORGE MATZIK leaves to his brother, "Johnnie," the power to be a good sport in all things.

Class Will

"DICK" MILLER has consented to leave his convertible truck to Harold Teaford. Ask "Dick" what to do in case of rain, Harold.

"DOLLY" MOLEY bequeaths her "chic" taste for wearing beautiful clothes to "Betty" Ann Strunack.

To George McKernan, "FRANNY" MURPHY, our "ace sport," leaves all of his hidden talents in all sports.

MARY NOVITSKI leaves her mathematical ability to Frieda Angelos.

JOHN PARAVATY leaves his love for book reviews to Glenn Titus.

LAURA POSOBIEC leaves her power to argue, on any good point, to some poor, deserving soul.

"TONY" ROBERTO hated to leave his girls but he finally consented to leave them to Frank Toth. That is, if Alice doesn't mind!

LOUISE ROBINS leaves her fine, witty humor to "Bill" Mullen.

ROSE ROSSI leaves to Helen Saboe her friendly smile. It helps in gaining friends, Helen.

DORIS SABO wishes to will her red hair to "Millie" Mitchell. We hope you can use more, "Millie."

To Compton Overholser, "PAT" SHINE leaves her place in the band.

"GINNY" SHORE leaves all of her tricks in hockey and basketball to Marian Sabol.

ETHEL SMITH has done a swell job of keeping the yearbook accounts straight. She wills this power to the next yearbook treasurer.

"JACK" SOPPICK leaves his favorite spot, "Campbells," to Joe Dolga.

GLORIA STRICKLAND wills her graceful walk to Jane Arnold. It's needed with height, Jane!

DONALD SUTHERLAND, who was a "brain" in Spanish, leaves his talent for doing Spanish to Andrew Sedor.

MARY ANN SUZANNE leaves her typing ability to "Betty" Blanken.

DORIS THOMPSON leaves her drag with the men teachers to any deserving junior lassie.

"ERNIE" TOTH has a beautiful blush. He leaves his blush to "Whitey" Emel.

HELEN TOTH leaves her talent for playing the piano to "Pinky" Suzanne. This is a talent that is very useful, "Pinky."

MARY JANE VALYO leaves her position as Secretary of the Senior Panel to anyone capable of fulfilling this position.

ELEANOR VANCE couldn't possibly leave her beautiful teeth. But, if you coax her, maybe she will tell her secret, girls!

GEORGE WHITMORE leaves all of his shyness with the girls to "Doc" Mastrocola.

Class Prophecy

A big day has come. It is the year 1960 and around Upper Merion things are humming. The Class of 1950 is having its tenth reunion. Tables have been set up for a banquet in the gayly decorated gym and everyone is talking, talking, talking. They have much to tell, since many haven't seen each other for quite a while.

Many classmates have become prominent in the business world. Isaac Burke is a building contractor. His very modern homes, being constructed near the Super Highway, are almost completed now. John Paravaty and his Demolition Company are paving the way for a new settlement to be razed in the western part of the state. One of John's partners in the company is Joseph Hrusovsky. The landscaping is done by Edward Collins and Richard Miller.

Mary Jane Valyo is explaining how her jet-propelled car reacts to the new atomic power gasoline. Listening intently are George Whitmore, an Indianapolis speedway champ, and Jack Estock, the sensational used car dealer we hear about in all advertisements.

At the upper end of the table, Doris Thompson, a nurse at Sandy Cove, is telling Helen Toth and Theresa Milice how well she likes the hair-do they have given her at their House of Beauty. The salon is located next to Dolly Moley's taxi stand, near King of Prussia.

A few of our loyal Merionites stayed and took their places on our school staff. Among those people are Doris Sabo, School Nurse; Loretta Estock, Secretary; Joan Fulton, girls' coach, Laura Posobiec, Librarian. Mary Novitski is Librarian at the Norristown Library, but is often seen here with Laura.

A very serious discussion is taking place, and it sounds as though Francis Murphy is one of the leaders. By the way, "Frannie" is Upper Merion's coach and lately he has been priming his boys for their sixth consecutive basketball championship. Others in the discussion include Ernest Toth and John Katrina, professional golfers, Tony Roberto, the Phillies star pitcher, and Claude Collins, who has taken Bill Stern's place as sports announcer.

Some of our classmates chose unusual occupations. Of course, every class has its undertaker and ours is no exception. Martin Jeffers is known as "Digger" throughout the township. He gets a lot of business from those in Al Durkee's position. You see, Al is Ringling Brothers' trapeze artist. As he swings, John Larkins sings. It's really a great act.

A few people came a long way to attend this reunion. Irene Andreyko left her Circle A Ranch in Texas to get here. On the way up, she visited Mary Cyrus who is Mistress of a large plantation in "good ol' Virginny." Mary decided to come, too. Anna Jakielaszek flew from Europe, where she has been working as secretary to an ambassador. Rose Dayoc was the airline stewardess on Anna's plane.

Class Prophecy

Also attending is the ladies' bridge club. This group of housewives is discussing problem children. Members are Ginny Shore, Doris Dilks, Dorothy Anderson, and Rose Rossi. Rose is telling the women that her daughter, Veronica, takes piano lessons with Gloria Strickland, the famous pianist, and is doing very well. Musical talent comes natural enough in that family.

"The Daily News," edited by Susan Bader, has been running "ads" about the superb meals at Walter Greiner's drive-in restaurant. The only trouble is, "Walt" eats most of the profit. His two capable waitresses are Eleanor V[illegible]e and Mary Ann Suzanne. After dinner, "Walt's" customers go around the block to Ethel Smith's drive-in theater. What a setting! Even in this day and age most people find the stars more interesting than a double feature, but the parking lot is always full.

A hush falls over the party as the entertainment begins. Leo Henning, the greatest comedian on television is Master of Ceremonies. Music is provided by George Matzik and his Hillbilly Band. First on the program is that great hypnotist, Irvin Lownes. You may be interested in knowing that Irvin studies theories in his spare time and has recently proven Einstein's all wrong.

Next is Doris Davis's Fifth Avenue Fashion Review. Head designer is Catherine Hiscock. Catherine has just returned from Paris, where she showed much of her creative talent. Others in the review are Peggy Markland, hair stylist, and Eleanore Kurylo, in charge of makeup. All magazine features are sketched by Daniel Mainieri, who is responsible for the show's publicity. "Dan" also sketches ads for "Bill" Berry's Buick showroom. "Bill" is a successful engineer, but can't stay away from Buicks.

From fashions to jokes, and with jokes Leo presents El Senor Sutherland and his talking dog. By the way, the dog is from Pat Shine's kennels where everyone goes for the best in thoroughbreds. Better hurry over, for I hear there have been several additions to the family.

The entertainment is interrupted and everyone stands as a late guest arrives. It is none other than Edward Costello, our state senator, with Louise Robins, his private secretary and Ann Kovats, his receptionist. On the way to his seat, "Ed." congratulates Milton Clark on his success in publishing a historic novel with hand painted illustrations.

Jack Soppick has mousetrap factories throughout the East and is doing a flourishing business.

Speaking of traveling, Mina Farrell and Sarah Althouse have been around the world. Sarah's a Wave, and Mina entertains at theaters overseas. Leocadia Maciejewski came from California, where she trains students for secretarial work.

The entertainment is just about over and classmates are again bidding farewell. As they leave they make plans to return in 1970 for another class reunion. Good luck until then!

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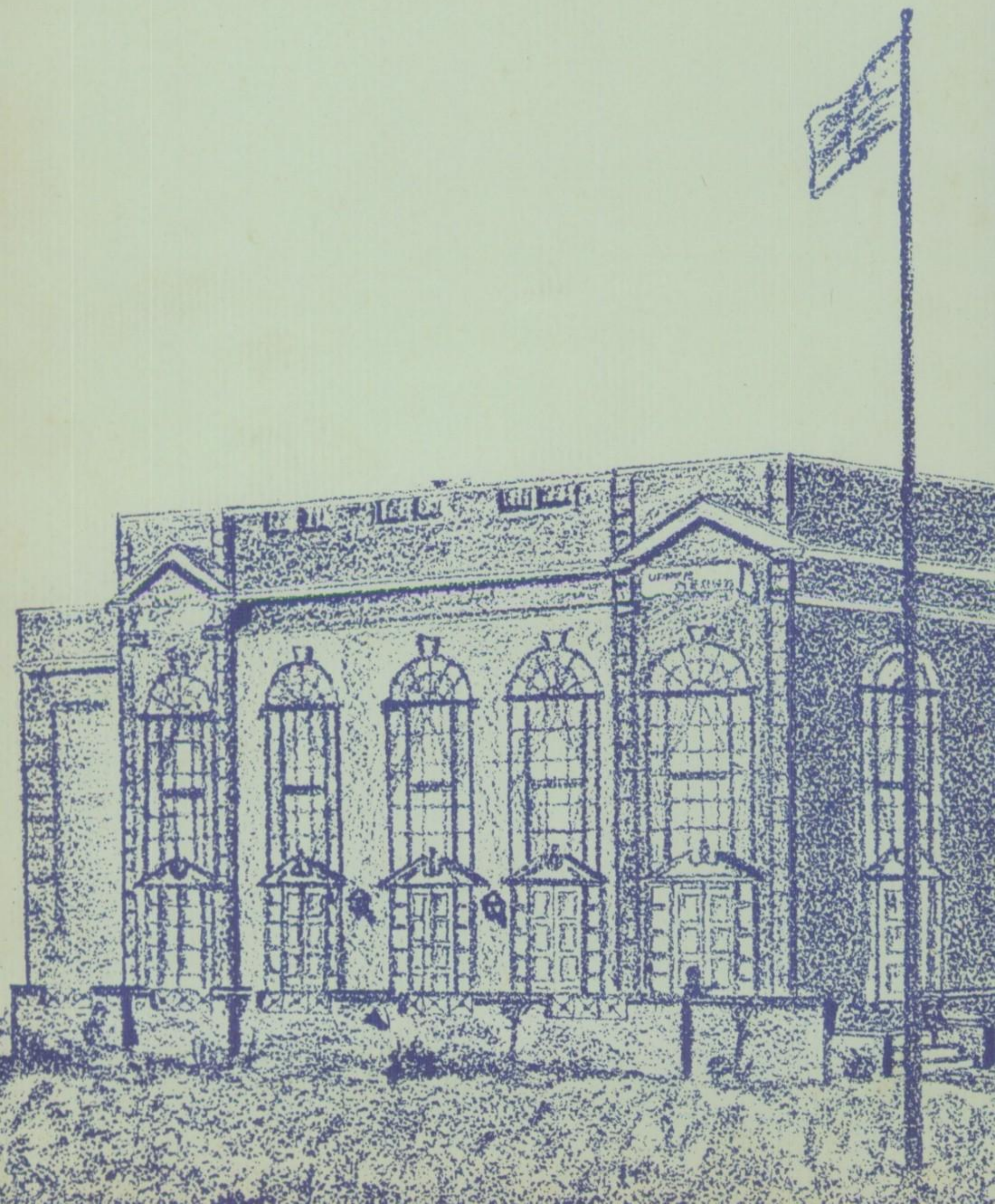

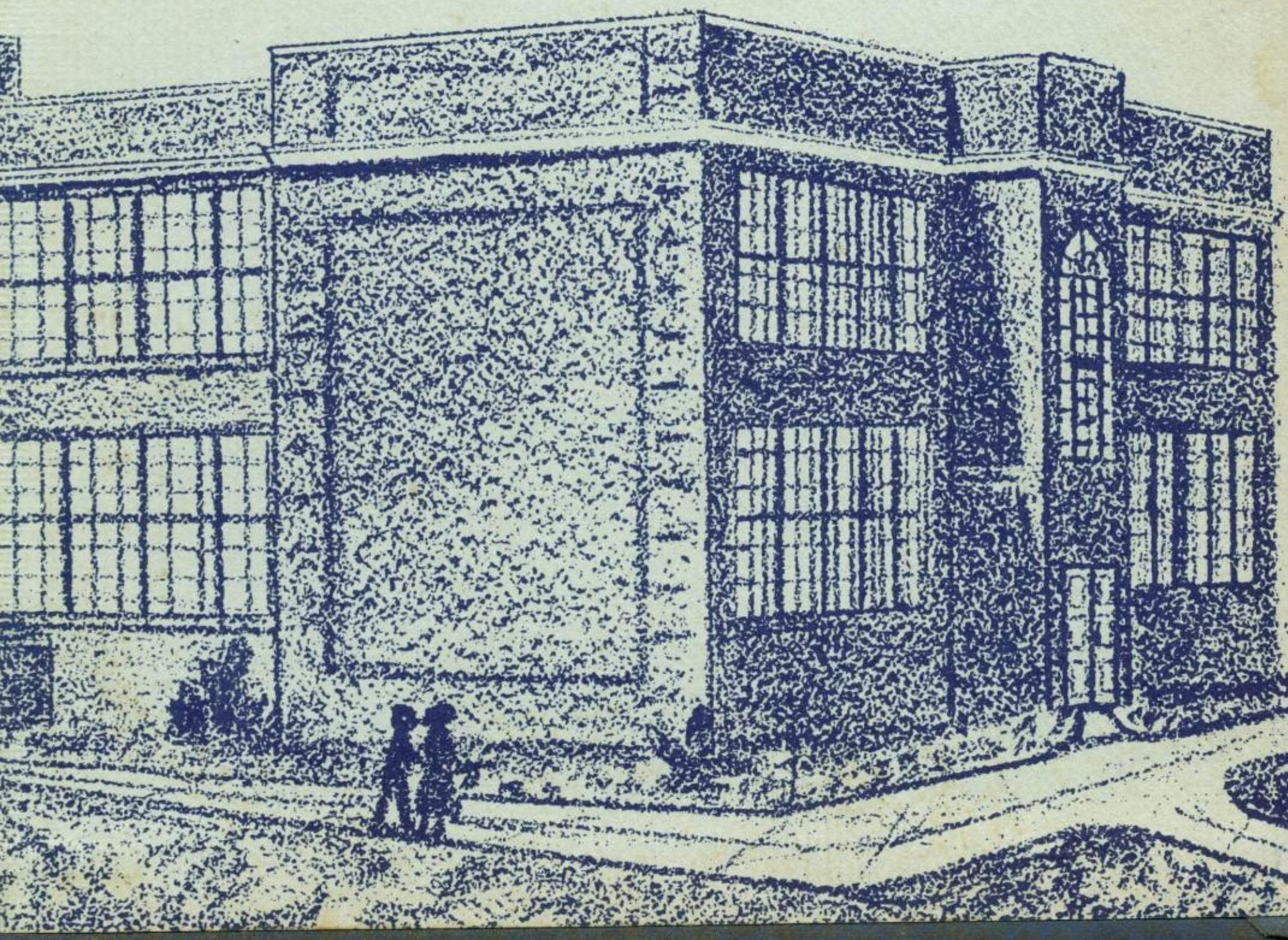

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